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Miami received Bulet 12/20/55 and in reply thereto report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL dated 1/18/56 at Miami was forwarded to Bureau.

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Enclosed for the information of Knoxville is a copy of the report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL dated January 18, 1956, at Miami.

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Let's stop this racist war on America

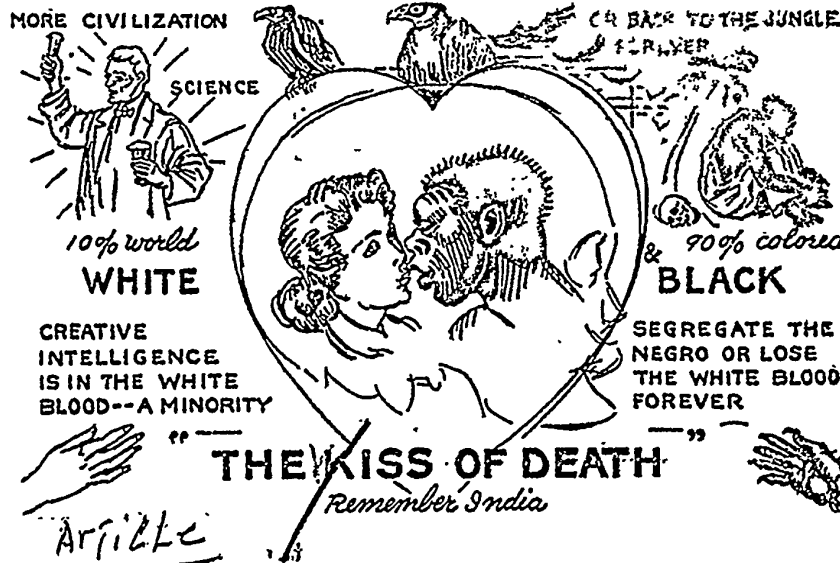
MASTERS OF TELEVISION TRICKERY TRUMP AMERICAN YOUTH



In the past few years a veritable parade of Negroidal entertainers have made their way into the living rooms of tens of millions of American families via the medium of television. The effect upon our youth of this constant exposure to these sordid idols and jazz musicians is almost beyond calculation, as the photos above will attest. Television is literally and actually paving the way for racial interbreeding. -- The object of all this, if you haven't already guessed, is to brainwash American youngsters into accepting Negroes as absolute "equals" -- at school, in sports, at church, at home, and ultimately, in marriage. If you doubt the effect of this type of propaganda on our youth, take another look and close look at the photos above.

"If our railroads, our highways, our railroads were to be wrecked, we could rebuild them. If our cities should be destroyed, we could build them up again and make them greater ones. Even if our army and navy were to be destroyed, we could rebuild them and make them greater. But if the blood of the white race of the United States is destroyed and mixed with the blood of the Negro, then the future of the United States is forever gone. The future of American civilization is at stake. We must fight for a negroid America as well as for the redemption and restoration of the white race. The future of the United States has been mixed with that of the Negro."

The Pro-Southerners P.O. Box 1071 Ft Pierce
Florida
PRO-SCOTT COUNTY
P.O. Box 1071
FORT PIERCE FLORIDA



The American mind is weakening. It is not as sound as 20 years ago. Selfishness, greed and easy living are doing the job.

We look frantically around for Russian spies, believing that Russia will attack us with armies. To us everything is material. In the meantime Russia is laughing. She has a more deadly weapon than the atomic bomb. She knows our strength is in our white stock and that when she has mixed our blood with Negro that we are licked forever.

While Russia makes laws to protect her own race she continues to prod us to accept 14,000,000 Negroes as social equals and we are doing everything possible to please her.

Radio announcers beg us to do this for strength and unity . . . Is India strong and united? She once had a white race. Every American who by word or deed helps Russia further this plan of race destruction is a traitor to kind and country.

Negro blood destroyed the civilization of Egypt, India, Phoenicia, Carthage, Greece and Rome. The Russians regard every Negro in our midst as a weapon more deadly than the atomic bomb.

Segregation is the law of God, not man, and is observed thru the whole animal kingdom. It is the cornerstone of all civilization. It protects all life on our planet. It made America great. Break it down and you break down our society. Nature it was who gave the white man the brains to make the machine. If she had wanted the Negro and Asiatic to enjoy this machine civilization as an equal she would have given him the intelligence to create the machine. Her method of control among animals is to curtail the intellect.

The Asiatic and Negro are living on lend-lease civilization. Without the white support these people take their rightful place and are no longer a menace. Continue to rob the white race in order to bribe the Asiatic and Negro and these people will overwhelm the white race and destroy all progress, religion, invention, art, and return us to the jungle. Preserve the white stock and you preserve the best way and the good life. Does a rose garden scatter weed seeds in its bed because God made weed seeds? Maybe God wanted to see if we had sense enough to know what to do under the circumstances. Preserve the white stock. Nature's ways are not easy ways. Only the weak and decadent must have an easy solution. The solution of complete disappearance.

We should begin by getting our minds back. Tell the Russians we are white and intend to stay white and protect our civilization and our country. Tell the Russians what the Negro is and that he is death to everything including Communism.

At present we are so afraid of Communism we are refusing to build homes for our white people while Negroes are multiplying by leaps and bounds. We are persecuting our white stock for trying to protect and preserve its white blood. We are accepting the only deadly thing about Communism, the Negro, in order to fight Communism.

Our first move should be to quit sending American treasure to Asia or Africa or any colored race. Help all white people anywhere including the Germans who are our own kind. Invite the Russians to help preserve the white blood which is a minority stock. If we would do this we would recover our sanity and lose our fear, and Russia would respect us as she does not wish to be classed as a colored any more than we do.

We still have time to save ourselves from Russian propaganda and the fate of India. Remember Christianity would not live 50 years among Negroes and Chinese. Remember civilization would not survive if the white man is destroyed. Remember the white stock is the minority race and that the colored people far outnumber and outbreed the white man. Remember, mixing white children with Negroes is a form of insanity. It takes the form of religion, democracy, brotherhood, etc. It is a pollution for a race directed from Moscow. Remember discrimination is not a sin. It is a sign of Mind or God working to protect what is good. A discriminating person is an intelligent person. Remember the white man is making a stand and that he has been overwhelmed by trash more than once and it is what you do and say as an individual that may determine his future forever, for even God cannot turn a Negro into a white man again for God follows inevitable laws of kind making kind. In the meantime our courts, churches, newspapers, and radios are helping Russia in her deadly work of destroying America or anything that is worth saving in America.

Negro Blood Destroyed the Civilization of Egypt, India, Phoenicia, Carthage, Greece and Rome.
It will Destroy America!

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**PLYE RESIGNS AS HEAD
OF PRO-SOUTHERNERS**

MEMPHIS, March 4. (AP) — Harry William Pyle has announced his resignation as national chairman of Pro-Southerners. He said he also had resigned as a member of the pro-segregation organization. "I'm washing my hands of it," Pyle said. "I can't see anything we can accomplish. There is dissension in the organization."

Pyle, chairman for three years, has used his home here as the national office of the body.

Pyle said he had sent his letter of resignation to M. B. Sherill of Fort Pierce, Fla., national vice chairman.

Pyle did not elaborate on his charge of dissension within the organization except to say that the Pro-Southerners have "now taken on a far different approach to the segregation problem. Fearful of what this may lead to, and being unable to get cooperation from the national executive board, I am resigning as national chairman as of this date."

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE APR 5 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/26, 27, 30, 31; 3/7, 8, 23/56	REPORT MADE BY DOUGLASS E. WENDEL	DEW lr
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Check of banks in Miami and Melbourne, Fla., negative as to any funds in name of Pro-Southerners or M. B. SHERRILL. SHERRILL reportedly stated the headquarters of Pro-Southerners moved from Fort Pierce, Fla., to Memphis, Tenn., about Jan., 1956. Contacts in Fort Pierce, Fla., fail to reveal any meetings at SHERRILL's residence that city.

AGENCY **RABO-1, 6-2, ON 5/55**
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DETAILS: Miami Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 30, 1956, that the Florida National Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, had no accounts in the names of Pro-Southerners or M. B. SHERRILL.

On January 30, 1956, Miami Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the First National Bank of Miami, Florida, carried no account with the Pro-Southerners or M. B. SHERRILL.

Also on January 30, 1956, Miami Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Bank of Melbourne and Trust Company did not have an account for SHERRILL or the Pro-Southerners.

The Fort Pierce News Tribune, a daily paper in Fort Pierce, Florida, carried a story in the January 25, 1956, issue written by BOB ENNS, Staff Writer, quoting M.B. SHERRILL,

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Fort Pierce, Florida, as saying that the headquarters of the "Pro-Southerners" had been moved from Fort Pierce, Florida, to Memphis, Tennessee. SHERRILL was quoted as stating the move was made because of the fact that Memphis had more central location and the people were more friendly to the organization there. SHERRILL was quoted as stating the action was taken "last week" at a national meeting in Memphis, at which time SHERRILL was elevated to "Number II" in the organization. SHERRILL stated, according to this article, that the headquarters for the "Pro-Southerners" for the southeastern states would remain in Fort Pierce, Florida, and that state meeting was planned in April, 1956, at West Palm Beach, Florida. SHERRILL was quoted in conclusion as stating that they might plan a national meeting in West Palm Beach sometime in the future.

On January 26, 1956, and March 7, 1956, SHERRILL's residence on Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Pierce, Florida, was spot-checked by SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, and it was noted that SHERRILL operates a 1950 or 1951 Buick Sedan, bearing 1956 Florida License 24W-98. There were no cars in attendance at this residence other than that used by M. B. SHERRILL.

On January 26, 1956, [redacted], Fort Pierce Credit Bureau, advised that he has known and heard of M. B. SHERRILL for some years, and that in all discussions SHERRILL is considered to be unstable.

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Numerous contacts have been made with Chief of Police R. L. R. F. CASSENS, Fort Pierce, Florida, Police Department, and CASSENS states that in his opinion SHERRILL is considered a "screwball" in the area. CASSENS further stated that he has spot-checked SHERRILL's residence on Sunrise Boulevard during evenings over a period of several months and at no time has he noted any meetings being held at this residence.

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T-1 is [redacted] Fla. Nat'l Bank and Trust Co., Miami, Fla.	Bank data	1/30/56	JAMES P. SHANNON	105-677-80
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T-3 is [redacted] Bank of Melbourne and Trust Co., Melbourne, Fla.	Bank data	1/30/56	[redacted]	105-677

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One copy of this report is being furnished to each of the indicated offices for information in view of the assertions previously reported made by HARRY WILLIAM PYLE that the "Pro-Southerners" operates under various names in other southern states.

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will attempt to ascertain if subject organization has moved their headquarters to Memphis, Tennessee.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLA.

Will continue to follow and report any activities of the Pro-Southerners in this area.

REFERENCE

Report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL dated 1/18/56 at Miami.

Report of SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY dated 2/3/56 at Memphis.

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TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pro-Southerners granted charter by State of Tenn. 1/7/56 for the general purpose of supporting segregation. Although the Pro-Southerners have continued to meet regularly in Memphis and Shelby County; Tenn., there has been a conspicuous decline in interest and attendance of members. Many supporters in industrial districts of North Memphis have become disillusioned. HARRY WILLIAM PYLE, organizer and National Chairman, resigned and verbally blasted the organization. Present leaders in Memphis including JAMES PIERSON, successor to PYLE, considered ineffective and factionalism is rampant. Efforts have been made to extend into West Tennessee without success, although group has been formed in Nashville, Tenn., under leadership of EMMETT A. CARR, former Ku Klux Klan leader. Pro-Southerners participated in meeting with Tenn. Governor FRANK CLEMENT to advocate segregation on 1/23/56; have been involved in dispute with Memphis City Commission over use of white golf course by Negroes; harrassed Memphis Mayor EDMUND ORGILL, for urging Negro member of local city hospital board; and have been involved in dissatisfaction of union members with national unions due to segregation. Generally the Pro-Southerners get only indifferent support from other pro-segregation groups in Memphis.

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DETAILS:

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

Records in the office of the Shelby County Register, Memphis, Tennessee, in Corporation Book 89, Page 101, reflect that a state charter was granted the Pro-Southerners January 7, 1956. The incorporators were HARRY W. ~~WYLLIE~~, CLAUDE B. ~~SUREETON~~, JAMES C. ~~PIERSON~~, T. R. ~~MONTGOMERY~~, and Mrs. JAMES ~~STUBBLEFIELD~~. The purposes of the Pro-Southerners as set out in the charter are as follows:

1. To encourage among the members closer personal acquaintances and a friendly spirit of mutual cooperation and promote the general welfare and prosperity of the members and to assist in any matter pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the members and for the attainment of the highest order of American Citizenship.

2. To unite fraternally, socially and mutually with friendship and harmony for the uplifting, enjoyment and recreational entertainment of members and guests.

3. To foster and cultivate the educational and business relations of its members, to broaden the educational and business relations of its members; to broaden their education and profession and to improve their standards of citizenship.

4. To support its program through education, enlightenment, encouragement and inspiration, and to publish, distribute and circulate literature, pamphlets, and newspapers; and by public assemblies, giving information to the people and the membership of this corporation to the end that we might sway opinion in favor of racial segregation, and through maintaining lobbyists in all of the state legislatures and in the Congress of the United States, securing legislation supporting segregation.

5. As incidental to said objects and to facilitate the same, it is the purpose of the corporation to establish and maintain a local chapter or chapters of the membership, to secure memberships in accordance with the provision of this charter and the constitution and by-laws of the corporation which the corporation shall adopt, and to establish and maintain other chapters throughout America, as and according to organizational provisions to be adopted.

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6. To organize schools of such nature and character to educate and enlighten the membership and the children of the members.

The balance of the charter is not set out herein as it refers to the general powers of a corporation as they exist under the laws of the State of Tennessee and contains no specific references pertinent to this inquiry except that the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee is to be at 3601 South Lloyd Circle, Memphis 8, Tennessee, which is the home of HARRY WILLIAM PYLE. The charter was witnessed by WAYNE T. DE WEES, a Memphis lawyer. *HARRY PYLE* *TENN*

B. ACTIVITIES IN MEMPHIS, SHELBY COUNTY, AND OTHER TENNESSEE CITIES EXCEPT NASHVILLE

On February 6, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a partial list of the names of the officers and members of various Pro-Southerner groups in Memphis and Covington, Tennessee, who had requested charters for their particular groups. Informant noted that these requests made by HARRY PYLE for charters were not necessarily made by the individuals listed hereinafter but at least their names had been furnished to PYLE as being people who were interested in having group charters for the Pro-Southerners. This list is as follows:

GROUP 1 - Raleigh - ~~CHARLES BELL~~, [redacted]
~~JIMMIE PIERSON~~, and [redacted]

GROUP 2 - 3601 South Lloyd Circle

GROUP 3 -

GROUP 4 - Trigg - [redacted]

GROUP 5 - 3505 Sharpe - [redacted]

GROUP 11 - 2765 Dunn - [redacted]

GROUP 12 - [redacted]

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GROUP 18-

GROUP 22-

GROUP 25-

GROUP 26--Covington-

T-1 furnished a list similar to that set out above on February 13, 1956, of other Pro-Southern groups operating in Memphis which had requested charters from HARRY WILLIAM PYLE. These are as follows:

GROUP 2-

(LLOYD CTR.)

GROUP 3-

(Airport).

GROUP 16-

(Frayser).

GROUP 27-

(935 Fite Road).

GROUP 29-

(Locke, Tennessee).

GROUP 30-

(Dickson, Tennessee).

GROUP 31-

(Rosemark, Tennessee).

GROUP 33-

(1436 Mississippi).

GROUP 34-

(Mason, Tennessee)

Members of Various Pro-Southern
Groups in Memphis, Tenn.

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On February 13, 1956, supra, furnished a membership card which he had obtained from HARRY WILLIAM PYLE and which was at that time being used by the Pro-Southerners in Memphis and possibly wherever it was operating under PYLE'S control. This membership card is a green card on which is printed the date, 1956, a space for the group number, and words "The White Man's Organization of the Southland to Preserve our Southern Segregated Way of Life." It contains lines for the name and address of the member and the signature of the secretary.

On February 20, 1956, T-1, supra, furnished a list of what HARRY PYLE claimed at that time to be the existing Pro-Southerner groups. This list indicates group numbers from 1 through 38 and bears notations regarding the finances of the organization at that time. Informant stated this is a list maintained by PYLE and the information thereon regarding finances is not clear. The list is set out hereinafter as furnished by the informant, although it is not known whether monetary notations indicate that the particular group had the given amount of money in its treasury, owed that amount to PYLE, or had actually paid the amount listed. On the bottom of the list, as will be set out hereinafter, are other notations regarding the finances of the various groups:

Group 1.	Raleigh	No report	
2.	3601 South Lloyd Circle		\$20.00
3.	Airport	No report	
4.	345 East Trigg		23.00
5.	3505 Sharpe Avenue		34.00
9.	At large		12.00
11.	2765 Dunn Avenue	No report	
12.	Berclair		10.00
15.	649 Chelsea	No report	
16.	Frayser		20.00
18.	HW 61 South		52.00
22.	Oakville	No report	
25.	4201 Elliston Road		22.00
26.	Covington, Tennessee		76.00
27.	935 Fite Road		20.00
29.	Locke	No report	
30.	Dickson, Tenn.		18.00
31.	Rosemark, Tenn.	No report	
32.	Nashville, Tennessee		15.00
33.	1436 Mississippi	No report	
34.	Mason, Tennessee	No report	
35.	Dyersburg, Tennessee	No report	
36.	21 West Dempster		18.00
37.	Giltedge, Tennessee	No report	
38.	Munford, Tennessee	No report	

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Turned in from Shelby County no report --- \$275.00
Applications by mail \$19.00
Donations \$5.00
Arkansas for literature \$6.00
Group unnumbered and unchartered \$9.00
Mr. Piersol for literature \$22.50 plus \$.25 turned in by error

On February 20, 1956, T-1 also advised at that time the Pro-Southerners group at Frayser, Tennessee had a highly enthusiastic membership. Informant noted that PYLE had claimed that as much as \$160 per week was being collected in donations at the meetings of the Frayser, Tennessee group but that most of this money was being spent each week for the rental of chairs to accommodate the crowd at the meeting. It is noted Frayser is a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee, located in an area which contains and is adjacent to various large industrial establishments. According to T-1, the membership of the Frayser unit is made up primarily of factory employees.

On February 28, 1956, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Pro-Southerners were continuing to meet at the union hall of the Paper Workers, located at Chelsea and Thomas Streets, Memphis, Tennessee. Informant noted that these meetings were attended to a great extent by employees of Kimberly Clark and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, both large employers in the north section of Memphis.

Informant noted that the president of the Paper Workers union, WILL BRADSHAW, was not opposing the Pro-Southerners, but certainly was not interested in their activities in any way. Informant stated that BRADSHAW felt that so many of his employees were interested in the Pro-Southerners, even though he was opposed to their activities, he was compelled to let them meet in the union hall. Informant further stated that the matter of racial segregation had become so important in the Rubber Workers Union at the Firestone Plant, there would undoubtedly be a change in the officers. The President of the union had lost control thereof because he had too much support from the Negro employees and was thereby alienated by the white people.

Informant also noted that the Pro-Southerners had attempted to meet in the Rubber Workers hall on Firestone Boulevard, but the union would not consent to it.

"The Commercial Appeal", daily newspaper published in Memphis on March 4, 1956, contained an article by PAUL MALLOY

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entitled, "Pyle Quits Pro-Southerners; Raps 'Communistic Tactics'". MOLLOY quoted PYLE as "branding his subordinates as irresponsible" and stating that after three years of hard work on his part in building the organization, "a radical element in the group has destroyed everything I have done and the organization is falling apart." The article continued by stating PYLE has widened a split among Pro-Southerners which has been in evidence since early February. The article stated that "Dissidents have been withdrawing from the group, swinging over to the Citizens' Councils." It is noted that the citizens' councils are The Association of Citizens' Councils of Tennessee, which is headquartered in Memphis.

The article indicated that the nature of PYLE'S organization would doubtlessly be a subject for discussion at the Pro-Southerners county-wide rally which was set for 2 p.m. that afternoon at the Memphis Municipal Auditorium. The article stated the rally was originally scheduled to feature EUGENE COOK, "pro-segregationist attorney general of Georgia," but he bowed out last week." The article stated efforts had been made to obtain as the principal speaker former Representative JOHN O. RANKIN of Tupelo, Mississippi, but that Mr. RANKIN, too, had asked to be excused. TE 111

The article stated that PYLE had sent his resignation to M. B. SHERRILL, national vice chairman of the Pro-Southerners, at Ft. Pierce, Florida, and quoted PYLE as stating that "he was certain Mr. SHERRILL would be disgusted with the way the Pro-Southerners are acting here and he's likely to throw in the sponge, too." PYLE was quoted as criticizing the Pro-Southerners' march on Nashville some weeks ago when they presented certain demands to Governor FRANK CLEMENT.

PYLE was quoted as deploring the recent reaction to Mayor EDMUND ORGILL'S suggestion that a Negro be appointed to the John Gaston Hospital board. It quoted PYLE as stating, "We got a bad name out of that. I don't like what they did to the Mayor with those telephone calls. The mob approach is definitely not good. We have the right to petition, and that's good, but to bring force along with it is an altogether different method. Those are Communist tactics and they reflect the action of a rather irresponsible class. When you see it all falling apart, it hurts."

PYLE stated further, according to the article, that attempts had been made to co-ordinate Pro-Southerner units in several states but local members of the executive board refused to cooperate and tried to "rule with an iron hand." PYLE claimed there were 18 Pro-Southerner groups in Shelby County, two in Nashville, one each in Dixon County, Dyersburg, Munford, Mason,

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and Covington, Tennessee. He said individuals in ten other Tennessee towns had requested membership but "they won't come in." It was stated that five of the Shelby County units were not even holding meetings any more.

The article quoted CHARLES BELL, District One Chairman, as stating that the Pro-Southerners had 5,000 members in Memphis, but that other organizational details were "secret". BELL was quoted that he was aware of a movement to pull out of the Pro-Southerners and that some of the members were going to the citizens' councils. It quoted him as observing "It's sickening that Southerners can't get together on this (the segregation issue). Trying to get them to cooperate is terrible. But those who are quitting are trouble makers and the other groups are welcome to them."

5 a / - The article quoted an unidentified member of the Pro-Southerners as stating, "We've had no leadership, no harmony. There's hardly any point holding weekly meetings just to hear a speaker." Another member was quoted as stating, "I pulled out because there's no leadership and the fact that Mr. Pyle has resigned hasn't changed things a bit. The leaders who are left can't do much with what they've got."

On March 5, 1956, T-2, supra, advised at the last meeting of the Pro-Southerners at the Municipal Auditorium in Memphis on March 5, 1956, the newspapers did not give a very accurate account of the meeting. Informant noted that the various speakers who were proposed for the meeting who ultimately did not come, such as the Attorney General of Georgia, CHARLES STAINBACK, Tennessee legislator, and JOHN RANKIN, were actually unable to attend the meeting because they were sick. Informant noted that this at least was the information given out at the meeting for their nonappearance, although the newspaper implied that their failure to speak at the meeting was because of their lack of confidence in the local Pro-Southerners movement.

Informant also noted there was some public discussion at the meeting to the effect that the Pro-Southerners might affiliate with White America, Inc., an organization operating in Little Rock, Arkansas, and this group is trying to incorporate in forty states. T-2 noted a collection was taken up at the meeting for a radio program in Memphis which would support segregation.

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Informant also stated on March 5, 1956, that [redacted] a member of the Pro-Southerners and an employee at the Kimberly Clark plant, stated PYLE was actually asked to resign because he was too dictatorial in his control of the organization.

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T-2 also noted that [] had claimed PYLE had agitated for violence at the Firestone Plant and this had hurt the Pro-Southerners. In this connection, informant noted that various rumors have existed in the industrial part of North Memphis to the effect that if the Negro employees at the Firestone Plant came into the plant cafeteria, the white employees "should" hit them with Coca-Cola bottles. Informant quoted [] as blaming all of the dissension in the Pro-Southerners, particularly among Firestone employees, on PYLE.

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On March 23, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that the Mrs. JAMES STUBBLEFIELD, who is identified above as one of the incorporators of the Pro-Southerners is actually PYLE'S daughter. Informant pointed out that this individual has been serving as the financial secretary of the Pro-Southerners and was probably partly responsible for provoking PYLE'S resignation therefrom. Informant noted that Mrs. STUBBLEFIELD had become concerned over the looseness with which PYLE was handling the funds of the Pro-Southerners and fearing some personal liability, started refusing to sign checks for PYLE.

Informant noted, however, that the resignation of PYLE from the leadership of the Pro-Southerners was not clearing up the dissension therein, and there was, under way at that time a move by some of the members to get JAMES PERSOL and CHARLES BELL to resign. Informant noted that Mrs. A. H. SULLINGER was continuing to run the office of the Pro-Southerners at Raleigh, Tennessee, a Memphis suburb. Informant stated that CHARLES WILLIAM BELL had made a trip to various parts of Tennessee in an effort to organize Pro-Southerner groups. Informant did not know what success BELL had on this trip.

On March 28, 1956, T-2, supra, advised that the activities of the Pro-Southerners in North Memphis had declined considerably and the resignation of PYLE had definitely hurt the organization. Informant stated that many of the employees in the area were still strongly opposed to any integration of the races but were confused as to where to turn for leadership now that PYLE had quit. Informant noted that many of the employees, particularly at the Kimberly Clark plant, did not feel that the leaders of the Pro-Southerners group at Frayser, Tennessee, had sufficient ability to lead the organization.

Informant pointed out actually the Pro-Southerners had become a subject of jokes at the Kimberly Clark plant. Informant stated that this has resulted in many of the employees, even though extremely interested in segregation, becoming opposed to joining any similar organization.

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On March 29, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was generally familiar with the activities of pro-segregation groups in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. He stated that in January, 1956, he attended a meeting of the Pro-Southerners held in a store building at Frayser, Tennessee, at which time PYLE was not present, and much of the meeting was devoted to criticism by JAMES PIERSON of PYLE. Informant noted that he had learned from an individual who was formerly in the Pro-Southerners that much of the criticism of PYLE was due to the fact he wanted the meetings conducted in a secretive way, patterned after the activities of the old Ku Klux Klan. He noted that the Pro-Southerners have considerable difficulty in getting publicity in the local papers.

Informant pointed out that the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, a highly conservative pro-segregation group, was very active in Memphis and seemed to have entree to the local papers, but that this group would not assist the Pro-Southerners.

Informant stated there has been considerable leakage from the Pro-Southerners and that various groups of that organization want to go into the Association of Citizens' Councils of Tennessee on a group basis. He noted that the dues of the Pro-Southerners have only been \$3 per year, whereas the dues of the Association of Citizens' Councils have been \$5 per year, and therefore the leadership of the latter group has been unwilling to take them in without the payment of the additional dues.

C. ACTIVITIES OF THE PRO-SOUTHERNERS IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

"The Nashville Tennessean", a daily newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, in the January 26, 1956, issue contained the following article entitled, "PRO-SOUTHERNERS CLAIM 50 HERE, Ex-KKK Titan Says Calls, Letters Received Since Monday Session":

"Emmett A. Carr, 4612 Lealand Lane, said last night he had obtained about 50 members in and near Nashville for the Pro-Southerners organization which is fighting for segregation. TENN.

"This organization was represented by an estimated 300 segregationists from Memphis who marched on the Tennessee state capitol Monday demanding a special session of the state legislature on the segregation issue.

"Several years ago Carr served as great titan of the Ku Klux Klan in the Nashville area. He said at the time he served in that capacity the KKK had 1200 members in the Nashville area.

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"Carr was named organizer for the Pro-Southerners group in Davidson County Monday. But he said last night his territory had been extended throughout Middle Tennessee.

"His appointment was announced Monday by Harry William Pyle of Memphis, who said he is national chairman of the Pro-Southerners group.

"Carr said he had been getting calls and letters from people wanting to join the organization ever since Monday.

"Stating the organization is 'a non-violent organization', Carr said, 'We are interested in just one thing, that is to keep segregation in the public schools and in other places like the public parks and swimming pools.'

"I am hoping in the next six months to have a membership of 3000 or more persons in Middle Tennessee,' he said."

"The Nashville Banner," a daily newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, in the January 26, 1956, issue contained an article similar to the above and also identified EMMETT CARR as having served several years ago as grand titan of the Ku Klux Klan in the Nashville area.

On February 2, 1956, Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was approached in Nashville by one [redacted] at Berlin's Auto Trim Company. Informant said [redacted] claimed he had been asked to join the Pro-Southerners by [redacted], a metal worker who has a job in Nashville, [redacted] stated he was not going to join the organization, according to informant, but pointed out to informant that the group was being organized in Middle Tennessee by EMMETT A. CARR.

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Informant also advised on February 2, 1956, he contacted CARR on that date concerning membership in the Pro-Southerners. It is noted that informant was formerly connected with the Ku Klux Klan and was acquainted with CARR as a leader thereof.

Informant stated CARR advised that the Pro-Southerners would not be like the Associated Klans of Georgia and that it was being organized in an effort to control the voting and to try to get people to vote for candidates who were opposed to desegregation. CARR explained to informant he was then the organizer for the group in Middle Tennessee and the membership was \$3 per year. CARR assured informant that the organization was not like the Ku Klux Klan.

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On February 17, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that EMMETT CARR and the Pro-Southerners were organizing white high school students in the underprivileged sections in Nashville, Tennessee. Informant stated that this organization was being done in order to get the students to go to Father Ryan High School, an integrated Catholic boys' school in Nashville, some Saturday night during a basketball game and start a riot. Informant stated the organization had picked Father Ryan High School because of the fact this is a Catholic high school and because of the fact Negroes have been admitted to it as students.

It is noted that informant received the above information from another individual who had been in personal contact with EMMETT CARR. Informant stated this individual was a member of the Catholic Church and told informant when it was announced that Negroes would be admitted to the Catholic schools in Nashville, he protested, stating he would never accept the Negroes personally and the Church was wrong in this action.

On March 7, 1956, T-4, supra, advised he had seen EMMETT CARR on the evening of March 6, 1956, and at that time became a member of the Pro-Southerners in Nashville. Informant quoted CARR as stating he was the organizer of the Pro-Southerners for Middle Tennessee, although when he signed informant's membership card, he signed it as "secretary". CARR stated, according to informant, the dues were \$3. per year, \$1 of which remained with the local group, and \$2 being sent to the Pro-Southerners headquarters in Memphis.

Informant also quoted CARR as stating the only thing a member gets is his membership card and the organization was not issuing a publication in Nashville to its members. Informant said CARR claimed he had been appointed by HARRY PYLE as a Middle Tennessee organizer and he would have to contact someone in Memphis to find out who was going to take PYLE'S place.

T-4 also stated on the same occasion, CARR advised him that the Pro-Southerners had 400 members in that area but did not state whether they were in Nashville proper or in other parts of Middle Tennessee. Informant stated CARR displayed approximately 20 application blanks to informant and related that one of them was for a man by the name of [redacted], whom he stated informant would remember from the Ku Klux Klan.

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CARR advised informant that the meetings of the Pro-Southerners in Middle Tennessee would be held in open fields where the crowd could be addressed over a public address system. He

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also referred, according to informant, to the fact that some meetings would be held in various public halls whenever the occasion arose.

Informant further quoted GARR as stating that the Pro-Southerners would have a motorcade on the weekend of March 10, 1956, and that cars would have signs regarding various aspects of segregation. He displayed one placard approximately 18" x 24" which stated; "The Southern White People Are the Negro's Best Friend but No Integration." GARR also exhibited some American flags and some Confederate flags which he stated would be used in the motorcade. Informant stated GARR is a very erratic individual who makes various inconsistent statements regarding the aims and objectives of the Pro-Southerners.

II. OFFICERS

A. NATIONAL OFFICERS

On February 6, 1956, T-1, supra, furnished a copy of the letterhead of the Pro-Southerners which listed the national officers and executive board thereof. Informant advised this letterhead has been recently printed and the officers listed thereon were current as of that date. Informant did not know what method was used in selecting the officers but was of the opinion they were appointed by PYLE. These individuals are set out hereinafter:

Executive Board

Dr. T. R. MONTGOMERY
T. V. RAINY
JAMES C. PIERSOL
BOB CURRIE
BROOKS WARNER
CLAUDE SCRETON
GEORGE GREGORY

National Officers

HARRY WM. PYLE
(National Chairman)
M. B. SHERRILL
(National Vice-Chairman)
VIRGINIA STUBBLEFIELD
(National Secretary-Treasurer)
WAYNE DE WEES
(National Attorney)

T-5, supra, on February 7, 1956, advised that WAYNE T. DE WEES, Attorney for the Pro-Southerners in Memphis, who went with them to the meeting with Governor FRANK CLEMENT, had approached WILLIS AYRES, a member of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government in Memphis, and requested the assistance of that organization in the affairs of the Pro-Southerners. According to informant, DE WEES stated the Pro-Southerners were suffering from a serious lack of leadership and the individuals in the Pro-Southerners were not of a caliber to ever be able to furnish adequate leaders.

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Informant continued that DE WEES pointed out to AYRES that it was obvious the Tennessee Federation had an abundance of good leaders and this organization could materially assist the Pro-Southerners by furnishing leadership. Informant stated AYRES refused to assist DE WEES or the Pro-Southerners and pointed out that while the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government is definitely opposed to integration of the races, they did not want to become involved with any group that might resort to violence.

On February 20, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that a meeting of the executive board of the Pro-Southerners was held February 19, 1956. T-1 stated at this meeting, JAMES PIERSON led a fight to remove PYLE as the National Chairman of the organization. Informant pointed out that a petition for PYLE'S removal would be presented at the next meeting of the executive board.

Informant stated, however, that dissension was so rampant in the organization, it was most difficult to tell who is supporting whom in the organization as some of the executive board members are bitterly opposed to PYLE on one subject and sympathetic with him on others. Informant stated much of the resentment against PYLE has been created by the erroneous impression of the members that PYLE is getting "thousands of dollars" in connection with the operation of the Pro-Southerners. Informant stated that while PYLE no doubt derived some revenue from the organization, he is putting in a vast amount of time but has not obtained proper authorization from the executive board for the expenditure of all of the funds used by him, both for his living expenses and for the expenses of the organization.

As noted above, Mrs. JAMES STUBBLEFIELD, who has heretofore been the national secretary of the Pro-Southerners, resigned, according to T-1, on February 27, 1956. According to informant, this resignation resulted from the slipshod manner in which the Pro-Southerners' money was being handled. Informant stated PYLE wanted to call an executive board meeting as soon as possible in an effort to get the dissension between the national board and the Shelby County branch of the Pro-Southerners worked out. Informant stated that regardless of any efforts on the part of PYLE or his successors, so much dissension and bickering exist in the organization, it will undoubtedly disintegrate in the near future..

T-1 also advised on February 27, 1956, at that time it appeared likely that M. B. SHERRILL, who has been identified as the Secretary-Manager of the Pro-Southerners at Fort Pierce, Florida, was moving to Memphis and would probably live with HARRY

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PYLE at 3601 South Lloyd Circle. Informant stated his basis for this fact was that PYLE had commented about receiving a letter at his home addressed to SHERRILL, which he opened and in which there was the statement of SHERRILL'S correspondent that he was glad to hear the latter was moving to Memphis but was sorry to hear SHERRILL had lost his home in Fort Pierce. Informant ultimately advised, however, that this information was obviously in error and merely indicates the inconsistent and erratic nature of the actions of PYLE, SHERRILL, and others connected with the organization.

As pointed out above, in connection with PYLE'S resignation as National Chairman of the Pro-Southerners, "The Press-Scimitar" on March 3, 1956, contained an article which indicated that PYLE had sent his letter of resignation to M. B. SHERRILL, National Vice-Chairman, Fort Pierce, Florida.

Regarding the various references to M. B. SHERRILL in connection with the activities of the Pro-Southerners, T-1 advised on February 27, 1956, that his connection with the organization in Tennessee is very nebulous and that he actually receives no money from the organization and has no control of it. Informant stated so far as he can determine from contacts with PYLE, the latter is personally close to SHERRILL, and SHERRILL has been designated as the National Vice Chairman or Secretary-Manager more as a courtesy by PYLE than for any other purpose.

"The Nashville Tennessean" in the March 6, 1956, issue carried an editorial regarding PYLE'S resignation and noted that even though PYLE blamed his resignation on "radical elements" in the organization, he had been personally a part of those actions and did not criticize them at the time they took place. The newspaper speculated PYLE'S resignation was brought about by the fact that the organization had failed to attract as many new members at "\$3 a head" as PYLE had expected.

"The Commercial Appeal" issue of March 9, 1956, quoted JAMES C. PIERSON, the Shelby County Chairman, for the Pro-Southerners as having announced the previous day that he had been appointed temporary National Chairman of the organization. It further quoted PIERSON as stating the national executive board had called for an election on May 19, 1956, among estimated 4,000 members of the Pro-Southerners to name a permanent National Chairman. This newspaper article also identified CHARLES W. BELL, Raleigh, Tennessee, as Chairman of the Pro-Southerners of Tennessee, which was described as being a newly created position.

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"The Press-Scimitar" on March 8, 1956, quoted SHERRILL, the National Vice Chairman of the Pro-Southerners in Fort Pierce, Florida, as having denied rumors he was going to quit the organization.

On March 23, 1956, T-1, supra, advised there continued to be considerable dissension among the leaders of the Pro-Southerners in Memphis and that PYLE was attempting to get some of them to leave the Pro-Southerners and come to a new organization which he was forming. Informant stated he did not know definitely the identity of this organization but speculated it was to be called The Knights of the Ku Klos Klan. Informant's basis for this was the fact that for some time PYLE has discussed the Ku Klos Klan as being the legitimate successor of the original Ku Klux Klan as the latter existed during reconstruction days in the South. Informant stated at that time, however, apparently PYLE had had little success in his efforts.

B. SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, OFFICERS

As pointed out above, "The Commercial Appeal" issue of March 9, 1956, indicated that JAMES C. PIERSON, former Shelby County Chairman of the Pro-Southerners, had been appointed temporary National Chairman of the organization and that CHARLES WILLIAM BELL, of Raleigh, Tennessee, was Chairman of the Pro-Southerners of Tennessee, a newly created position.

T-1, supra, on March 23, 1956, advised that actually these individuals are primarily concerned with the functions of the Pro-Southerners in Memphis and Shelby County.

"The Press-Scimitar" on March 24, 1956, identified O. H. CARTER as Chairman of the Pro-Southerners at Frayser, Tennessee.

C. OFFICERS AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

As pointed out above, T-4, supra, advised on March 7, 1956, that EMMETT A. CARR was the organizer of the Pro-Southerners in Middle Tennessee and to all appearances was the undisputed leader thereof. Informant stated that CARR claimed to have been appointed to this position by HARRY WILLIAM PYLE.

On March 15, 1956, T-4 again advised that on March 14, 1956, CARR had informed him there would be a small meeting of the Pro-Southerners at CARR'S house on the night of March 18, 1956,

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to elect an operating committee. Informant stated that CARR never committed himself as to exactly what the functions of this committee would be, but apparently it would consist of an advisory body to the Pro-Southerners in Nashville. Informant also stated CARR told him that he would take informant on a trip to Alabama or Georgia "to get him a robe in the klan again."

III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PRO-SOUTHERNERS

On January 23, 1956, Confidential Informant T-6, a prominent Tennessee state official who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that earlier on that date, representatives of the Pro-Southerners had met with Governor FRANK CLEMENT in Nashville, Tennessee, to present their demands regarding segregation. Informant stated the conference had been conducted on a rather quiet vein with the exception of the unreasonable demands by the committee. Informant stated the Governor had foreseen the possibility that there may have been some "rowdy people" on the committee and had invited ministers of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths to sit in on the conference.

Informant stated that WAYNE T. DE WEES, Memphis attorney, had acted as the spokesman. According to informant, DE WEES stated that the general substance of the demands of the Pro-Southerners was that Governor CLEMENT take a position that there would be no desegregation of schools, parks, or other facilities in Tennessee. Informant stated that members of the Pro-Southerners during the conference asked the Governor such unreasonable questions as to whether or not he approved of members of the various races going to bed together and if he would desire to see his children marry members of another race.

Informant stated there was no incident during the conference which came close to any type of violence. Informant said toward the close of the conference, one of the members of the Pro-Southerners, whose name he did not recall, kept insisting that the Governor go into the corridor of the State Capitol and address the crowd assembled there. Informant stated the Governor personally felt this might have given rise to some incident and declined to do so, but suggested that the group form a line to pass through his office so he could shake hands with them and receive any complaint which they might have. This procedure was followed, and the affair went off without any incident, with the exception of some of the members of the organization criticized the Governor's personal and political integrity.

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Regarding the aims of the Pro-Southerners in Nashville, T-4, supra, advised on February 2, 1956, that so far as he could determine from discussions with EMMETT CARR, the aim of the organization was limited to influencing candidates for various state offices to take a stand in opposition to integration.

T-2, supra, on February 21, 1956, advised that when the Pro-Southerners originally became active in the industrial district in North Memphis, he was concerned about the potential for violence in the group. Informant stated after attending various meetings, however, he was convinced that the Pro-Southerners did not advocate violence in any fashion and are actually very tolerant of the Negro people, provided the latter are content to remain in the same status in Southern society they have had in the past.

"The Commercial Appeal" issue of February 28, 1956, in discussing the election of officers to the CIO Council in Memphis, quoted GEORGE W. CLARK, outgoing president of the United Rubber Workers of America, as stating that the primary purpose of the pro-segregation groups in the South was the destruction of labor unions. This article further quoted CLARK as having stated that the pro-segregation groups were not following legal methods to fight the Supreme Court decisions and that in their meetings, they only preached hatred and criticized unions.

IV. ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

A. MEMPHIS GOLF COURSE INCIDENT

On January 27, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the City of Memphis had some months previously extended an invitation to a Negro golf association to have its tournament played in Memphis in the summer of 1956. Informant stated this resulted in considerable agitation by the various pro-segregation groups to combat the use of a white golf course by a Negro group. Actually it is noted this was not a matter of integration as the tournament was to be played on a segregated basis, but as there was no suitable Negro course in Memphis, it had to be played, if at all, on a white course set aside exclusively for the Negro participants.

On February 11, 1956, T-7 advised the Pro-Southerners, the Association of Citizens' Councils of Tennessee, and representatives of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government had just had a meeting regarding the golf course question.

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Informant stated that EDMUND ORGILL, Mayor of Memphis, had requested a representative of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government to help the city to get the pro-segregation groups to agree to some plan under which the city could honor its previous commitments to the Negro Golf Association. T-7 stated at the above meeting, the Pro-Southerners were represented by CHARLES W. BELL and JAMES PIERSOL. He stated the various groups agreed to make a statement to the Memphis City Commission which will consent to the Negro golf tournament being played on a white course provided only the Galloway course was used. Informant stated this decision was made by the groups because the course in question is located in a wealthy part of the city in which informant stated "ORGILL'S friends live."

Informant furnished on February 11, 1956, a copy of a resolution originally adopted by the Pro-Southerners, which informant noted would later be modified as a result of the contact by the Pro-Southerners and the other segregation groups. This resolution is as follows:

"Feb. 3, 1956

"District #1 Pro-Southerners do hereby adopt a resolution protesting the use of our Golf Courses to anyone for tournament play. We have laws upholding our demands and demand that they be upheld. We site our protest in letting our golf courses be used by negroes, on the case brought against the City of Nashville, where a group of tournament players approached the City Government there with the same old story, and later in a Court Suit, sued the City for permanent use based on the fact that they played on them before without incident or protest so why not make them available at all times. They won the case, so this is just another test case of the old white mare tale.

"We further demand that the city construct an 18 hole golf course for the exclusive use of negroes and that our Mayor, Edmund Orgill, appoint a committee to work with a representative of the tournament group of negroes to rent a private course such as the Ridgeway, University or others.

"We further demand that our Governor uphold our State Laws pertaining to state parks and that he enforce out State Laws and Constitution.

/s/ J. C. Piersol
County Chairman, Pro-Southerners

/s/ Charles W. Bell
District #1 Chairman"

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"The Press-Scimitar" on February 15, 1956, in an article captioned, "Negro Tourney to Use White Links, Commissioners Vote", reported the results of the meeting of the City Commission lasting four and one-half hours, during which various pro-segregation members and officers presented their demands to the Commission. The paper related it was the position of the City Government that this matter would not affect the status of segregation in the area as the tournament was to be an exclusive Negro affair. The article reflected that the Pro-Southerners were represented by JIMMY PIERSON.

The article describes the meeting as having been a "stormy session" and to have been conducted in a "town meeting style" at which the Mayor let each side speak as much as was desired. The article quoted PIERSON as being completely opposed to the tournament on any basis where a white city owned course would be used. PIERSON proposed instead that the city rent a private course, and the Mayor advised him that the city had attempted to rent one but had been unsuccessful.

The newspaper quoted PIERSON as having been questioned by other individuals regarding the use of the City Auditorium for the Negro Baptist Convention, and he was quoted as stating he thought this convention was very bad for the city.

B. MAYOR ORGILL AND THE JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL

"The Press-Scimitar" issue of February 28, 1956, in an article captioned, "False Fire and Police Calls Besiege Mayor in Night", reported that as a result of Mayor EDMUND ORGILL'S having proposed that a Negro be appointed to the John Gaston Hospital Board of Directors in Memphis, he was vexed by a barrage of protests directed to his home. The article indicated that false reports of a fire and later a report of a "fight between two Negroes" sent fire engines and a police car to the ORGILL home after midnight.

Telegrams from the Pro-Southerners had been left at the door, which firemen handed to ORGILL. The article stated the ORGILLS were being kept awake by a flood of anonymous phone calls from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

It is noted that John Gaston Hospital is the municipally operated charity hospital in Memphis and serves both Negro and white patients in segregated wards. The article stated that telegrams were left on ORGILL'S porch, one signed by Dr. T. R. MONTGOMERY, one by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. SULLINGER, and one by J. C. PIERSON and C. W. BELL. These telegrams were highly

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critical of the Mayor's proposal to place a Negro on the hospital board.

C. PRO-SOUTHERNERS' MEETING AT MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM,
MARCH 4, 1956

"The Press-Scimitar" issue of February 23, 1956, reported the plans of the Pro-Southerners to have a county-wide rally on March 4, 1956, at the Municipal Auditorium. The article quoted J. C. PERSOL as stating that the speaker would be Attorney General EUGENE COOK of Georgia, JOHN RANKIN, former congressman from Mississippi, and Tennessee State Senator CHARLES STAINBACK of Somerville, Tennessee.

"The Commercial Appeal" on February 29, 1956, reported that Attorney General COOK had subsequently announced he would be unable to come to the meeting. "The Commercial Appeal" on March 1, 1956, reported that JAMES D. JOHNSON, Crossett, Arkansas, Chairman and Director of the Arkansas Citizens Council, was to speak at the forthcoming Pro-Southerners rally. The article identified JOHNSON as being a former Arkansas state senator, and he was coming as a replacement for Attorney General COOK. The article noted that an additional speaker would be HENRY W. FANCHER, Minter, Alabama, who was identified as being the author of the booklet, "Segregation: God's Plan and Purpose", and would be touring Alabama in behalf of the Citizens Councils.

On February 27, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that HARRY WILLIAM PYLE had nothing to do with the plans of the March 4, 1956, Pro-Southerners rally, and they were apparently all made by JIMMY PERSOL. Informant stated actually it was his opinion that some other individual had assisted PERSOL with the arrangements for the meeting because informant, who is personally acquainted with PERSOL, did not believe the latter and his associates have the ability or sufficient contacts to get speakers of the caliber of RANKIN and COOK for the meeting.

"The Press-Scimitar" on March 5, 1956, reported the March 4, 1956, meeting of the Pro-Southerners at the auditorium. It is noted the article stated that the Pro-Southerners have "joined the caravan of genuine Southerners fighting for the sovereignty of states' rights thru interposition. The paper noted there was little evidence at the meeting of the "dissension" referred to by HARRY WILLIAM PYLE in his resignation. The principal speaker, according to the article, was JAMES D. JOHNSON, who is identified therein as the Director of the Arkansas White Citizens' Council.

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The article noted JOHNSON denounced the Supreme Court's decision on integration in schools. Another speaker at the meeting was AMIS GUTHRIDGE of Arkansas, who is identified as the Executive Secretary of White America, Inc. TENN

The article quoted PIERSON as stating the Pro-Southerners "would strive to elect a Legislature favoring interposition this year." The article quoted the above mentioned HENRY W. FANCHER, a minister, as having criticized "fellow ministers who can't understand segregation as advocated in the Bible."

D. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, MOTORCADE

On March 10, 1956, Agents of the FBI observed a motorcade sponsored by the Pro-Southerners in Nashville, Tennessee. This motorcade began forming at approximately 12 noon when EMMETT A. CARR arrived in a white panel truck, on which was displayed a large American flag and a Confederate flag. Approximately twenty cars participated in the motorcade. Many of the cars were decorated with Confederate flags and with posters reading, "The Southern White Man is the Negro's Best Friend--But No Integration". The motorcade proceeded to several small towns adjacent to Nashville and returned to Nashville later in the afternoon when it was disbanded.

E. PRO-SOUTHERNERS ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH UNION MATTERS

"The Commercial Appeal" issue of March 14, 1956, in an article captioned, "Local UAW, Detroit Clash on Race Issue", discussed a meeting of Local 988, United Automobile Workers of America, which was attended by HERSCHEL DAVIS, of Detroit, a representative of the national office of the union. The article indicated that this meeting constituted "a serious clash between Memphis unionists and their parent body on the racial issue" and erupted at a stormy labor meeting which all but booted a Detroit mediator off the stage. The article further stated that local members of the union were told to cease making an issue of segregation or else face the threat of losing membership in the international union. It stated the members responded with a threat of their own--to pull out of the international body and form an independent group.

It is noted that at some points, DAVIS could scarcely be heard above the din of shouts such as "Go on back North!". The article quoted JAMES MARSHALL, a union steward and former vice president of the union and a member of the Pro-Southerners, as having challenged DAVIS to explain cash grants made by the international union to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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"The Press-Scimitar" issue of March 24, 1956, referred to a meeting of a teachers' union in Memphis which was picketed by pro-segregationists. The article stated Local 1262, Memphis and Shelby County Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, AF of L, met last night at the UAW hall, 1036 Firestone. The article noted word had been disseminated before the meeting there might be some pickets, and on arriving at the meeting, the school teachers found a sound truck and about thirty men on a corner near the hall. The members of this crowd stopped the teachers, entered into arguments with them, and offered them pamphlets.

The article stated two men were walking about as pickets carrying signs reading, "Legitimate labor sez teachers' union for integration" and "Legitimate labor sez teachers' union friend NAACP." The article stated that many of the pickets were members of the Pro-Southerners and identified as being present C. H. CARTER, Chairman of the Frayser Pro-Southerners.

F. PRO-SOUTHERNERS LITERATURE

"The Memphis World", a newspaper published in Memphis for the Negro people, in the issue of March 2, 1956, contained an article captioned "Pro-Southerners Distribute Vile Anti Negro Leaflet", and is as follows:

"An apparently disgusted white man turned over to the Memphis World this week a vicious, vile anti-Negro leaflet being distributed by Pro-Southerners.

"The leaflet which depicts a white woman in the arms of grotesque, ape like Negro is entitled the 'Kiss of Death' and urges 'Segregate the Negro or Lose the White Blood Forever.'"

"Printed by the offset process, the leaflet carries pictures of singer Roy Hamilton surrounded by white teenagers and another of Willie Mays with Leo Durocher and wife, Lorraine Day (both apparently 'lifted' from other publications) and cites this as proof 'of the use of Negro-dial talent' in entertainment and sports to 'attempt to show that the Negro is equal to the white man.'

"Dealing with danger of mixed marriages the leaflet claims 'Negro Blood Destroyed the Civilization of Egypt, India, Phoenicia, Carthage and Greece. It Will Destroy America' and urges readers to 'keep the white blood pure.'

"The Pro-Southerners headquarters are 3601 S. Lloyd Circle."

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On March 19, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-8, an individual whose contacts with this office have been so limited that it is not possible to evaluate his reliability but who has furnished some information which has been proven to be reliable, by independent investigation, advised that the Pro-Southerners⁴ were attempting to publish a small mimeographed newspaper approximately every two weeks which would set out the views of the Pro-Southerners and which would attempt to pinpoint any area of Communist activities in the field of integration.

On March 27, 1956, T-7, supra, made available a copy of the first issue of the three page mimeographed publication captioned, "The Pro-Southerners". This publication is devoted to setting out the views of the Pro-Southerners and urges the readers to become affiliated with the organization. It strongly congratulates the various Tennessee Congressmen who signed the Southern Manifesto in support of segregation. It discusses various incidents occurring throughout the country in the field of integration and also discusses various crimes which have allegedly been committed by Negroes. It lists the places in Memphis and the surrounding suburbs at which meetings of the Pro-Southerners are held. It also contains an application for membership in the organization and gives the headquarters of the Shelby County Pro-Southerners as being 3381 Raleigh-Millington Road.

V. CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER PRO-SEGREGATION GROUPS

As noted in "The Press-Scimitar" article of March 5, 1956, regarding the last meeting of the Pro-Southerners in Memphis the previous day, this meeting was addressed by JAMES D. JOHNSON, Director of the Arkansas White Citizens' Council, and by AMIS GUTHRIDGE, Executive Secretary of White America, Inc. of Arkansas.

Also as noted above, T-4 advised on March 15, 1956, that EMMETT A. CARR, Nashville, definitely indicated he was in contact with someone in the Ku Klux Klan. Informant quoted CARR as stating "You stay with me and if they want us to be pigeons, we will be pigeons, and if they want us to be buzzards, we will be buzzards." Informant stated this was CARR'S way of saying that he would be in the Pro-Southerners, an open organization, or in the Ku Klux Klan, a secret organization, whichever was best.

It is also noted above that T-3, supra, advised on March 29, 1956, that although the Pro-Southerners have made attempts to form a common front with the Association of Citizens' Councils of Tennessee and with the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional

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Government, they have been unsuccessful as both of the latter organizations were skeptic of the leaders in the Pro-Southerners and for that reason were reluctant to participate in any joint affairs with them. Informant noted that there has actually been considerable leakage of members from the Pro-Southerners to the citizens' councils in recent months.

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T-1. [redacted]	Memphis groups requesting P-S characters.	2/6/56 2/13/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. & WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	105-98-1A-30 105-98-1A-27
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	Grayser Group	2/20/56	" " " " " "	105-98-168
	Factionalism	3/23/56	" " " " " "	105-98-175
	National Officers on 2/6/56	2/6/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR.	105-98-172
	National Officers on 2/19/56	2/20/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. & WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	105-98-168
	Resignation of Mrs. JAMES STUBBLEFIELD	2/27/56	" " " " " "	105-98-148
	Possibility of M. B. SHERRILL moving to Memphis	2/27/56	" " " " " "	105-98-143
	Dissension in P-S	3/23/56	" " " " " "	105-98-175
	Planning for 3/4/56 rally of P-S	2/27/56	" " " " " "	105-98-148
T-2, [redacted]	Activity at Paper & Rubber Workers Unions	2/28/56	" " " " " "	105-98-178
[redacted], Memphis	3/4/56	3/5/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR.	105-98-174
Tenn. (Bureau authority to designate as activity in Panel Source)	Decline in P-S activity in North Memphis	3/28/56	" " " " " "	105-98-177
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T-4, [redacted]	2/2/56	2/2/56	FRANCIS W. NORWOOD	105-98-136
	Re activity in Nashville & P-S motorcade CARR & the KKK	3/7/56	" " " " "	105-98-158
		3/15/56	" " " " "	105-98-161
T-5, [redacted] [redacted] Nashville, Tenn.	Re activity in Nashville	2/7/56	" " " " "	105-98-134
T-6, [redacted] [redacted] Nashville, Tenn.	1/23/56	1/23/56	" " " " "	105-98-128
T-7, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], Memphis, Tenn. (Bureau authority has been requested to designate as Panel Source)	P-S & golf course P-S Paper	1/27/56 2/11/56 3/27/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. & WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	105-98-138 105-98-1A-25 105-98-1A-32

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T-8. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Memphis, Tenn. (Bureau authority will be requested to designate as Panel Source.	P-S paper	3/19/56	JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. & WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	105-98-173

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The surveillance referred to on March 10, 1956, was conducted by SA'S FRANCIS W. NORWOOD and EDWARD T. STELLIE.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the Knoxville and Little Rock Offices due to their proximity and the possibility of the Pro-Southerners becoming active in those areas, or cooperating with organizations therein.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the Pro-Southerners, and submit reports as required by the Bureau.

REFERENCES: Report of SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., 2/3/56, Memphis.

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For Segregation and our American way of life - stop the niggers now - forever. Let none but Americans Stand guard over our homeland.

PRO-SOUTHERNERS

Organized for action against race mixing and communism
NATIONAL OFFICE P. O. BOX 1071 FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA
MAY - 9 - 1956

M. R. Sherrill
National Chairman.

V. N. Sherrill
National Sec. Treas.

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White People of America.

After the Civil War the South was under the heel of the niggers - yankee carpetbaggers - and federal troops. All our forefathers had was hunger - poverty - degradation and their undying courage and faith that the almighty would help those that helped themselves - are we fit to tread these lands bought for us by the blood sweat and tears of our unconquerable ancestors and our fallen brethren - they licked the Federal Government - and preserved segregation - white supremacy and the white race - will you unite with us to protect your homes - your families - and those baby children - this nation was founded by white people - for white people - and if we are to be worthy of our heritage - we must stand united against every effort to mix the niggers with our white blood and wipe out the white race from the face of the earth. It is time for those who want to preserve the segregated way of life in the South to stand up and be counted.

Join now and help organize every white person in America - you have sit on your back end - refused to help protect your own family - refused to take sides with your own white race. Until there is little time left - white American people have been brainwashed and had brotherhood preached to them by crooked - communist nigger loving preachers until they are a bunch of cheap gutless cowards - who will not protect their own families - their country - and their American way of life - act now - today - let none but Americans stand guard over our loved ones.

We need your help - badly - need your personal and financial support - need you, and every other white American to help us in this showdown fight for segregation and white supremacy - I have been in this fight for over forty years - freely giving my time and money to the cause - the last twelve years my good wife and I have spent over three thousand dollars each year to preserve segregation - we sold our land - spent that and most of my earnings - all for the white race. Then we mortgaged our home - thinking the white people would wake up soon and help - we did not pay off the mortgage - threw that in also for segregation and white America - thousands and thousands of packages have gone out first class sealed to every state in the union - mostly to the twenty one southern states - costing in postage alone from six cents to forty five cents each - a few people sent two dollars - a few more five dollars - the others sent nothing - some even asked for more material and printed matter - most of these people had membership cards in their packages - some wrote nasty letters and tried to brainwash us into believing we should take the niggers to our bosom in christianity and brotherhood - twisting the Bible with double talk - most of these nigger loving communist preachers were in our southland.

If each of you will help in the way you can - in money - in time - in talking - doing what ever you can giving what you can afford to give - we are old but in good health - we must and will win - we will never quit - our home was foreclosed on January 29th, and sold at the court house steps at twelve o'clock March 19th 1956, for the \$4,500 mortgage against it. We will be out of our home - but still in the fight - segregation is the only issue - the most important issue - we must stand united and fight and vote and boycott and do everything that will keep one hundred percent segregation - in America. It is to late for excuses now. The niggers have the federal government and the communist party with all the Foundations millions - Ford - Phillip Morris - Fallstaff Beer and many others backing them - get in the fight now - its your woman and children the niggers will take over when they get in power - which they surely will soon - unless white Americans wake up - we hope and pray you understand - and will get in the fight now before it is to late.

We need all old members. will send cards to them.
THE NEED FOR MEN

God give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinion and a will. Men who have honor; Men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; tall Men uncrowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking. God give us men!

BROTHER LEROY SCARBORO. P.O. BOX 3176 . MIAMI -20- FLORIDA

DEAR BROTHER- HERE I AM LATE -BUT HAD THOUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT THE BACKLOG OF LETTERS THAT HAD PILED UP WHILE I WAS HELPING LOUISIANA KICK THE NIGGERS OUT OF THE STATE. LIVED THERE AND WAS ONE OF THE FIGHTERS WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND HAD GOOD HEALTH- WE HAVE THE SAME JOB TO DO HERE AND IN ALL THE OTHER 19 STATES AFTER WE GET THROUGH WITH FLORIDA. HAVE PLANS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU AND ALL OTHERS ABOUT WHEN WE GET TO SEE EACH OTHER SOME TIME SOON. EVERY NIGGER CAN HAVE SOME CHARGE AGAINST HIM- OVER 80 PERCENT ARE NOT MARRIED-MANY OTHER THINGS TO DO TO MAKE THEM WANT TO "GET GOING-NORTH" THE PLANS ARE FOOL PROOF AND ONLY NEED TIME TO PUT OVER- THE WHITE PEOPLE WILL NOW SEE THAT THEY MUST EITHER SUBMIT TO THE NIGGERS OR TAKE SIDES WITH THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN AND WILL HELP THEM- THE MEETING WAS HELD IN FT PIERCE FOR THE PRO-SOUTHERNERS THEY VOTED ME THE TOP JOB-NEVER MENTIONED THAT AS BEFORE I WAS TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT- WILL BE ON THE ROAD MYSELF SOON AND WE WILL ARRANGE TO MEET AND HAVE A "CONFAB" ANY OTHER GOOD WHITE MEN OR WOMEN CAN GET IN WITH OR WITHOUT MONEY. IT TAKES CASH TO PAY BILLS AND OTHER EXPENSE- BUT IT TAKES REAL MEN AND WOMEN TO BACK US WITH THEIR VOTE AND LETTERS AND OTHER PRESSURES NEEDED TO FORCE THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND ALL IT STANDS FOR OUT OF THE SOUTH- WE HAVE THE PLANS AND HAVE THE KEY MEN TO PUT THEM INTO EFFECT. WE HAVE JUST BEGIN TO FIGHT- LET NO ONE DISCOURAGE YOU-FOR WE ARE NEVER GOING TO TURN BACK- WE ARE GOING FORWARD FROM NOW ON AND WILL MAIL OR GIVE IN PERSON AS MANY CARDS AS I GET NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR. PASS THE WORD AROUND- HAVE EACH PERSON TELL AT LEAST FIVE MORE PERSONS* AND THESE FIVE TELL ANOTHER FIVE MORE GOOD PEOPLE- THIS EARLY SUMMER OR BEFORE WE WILL HAVE MEETINGS-WITHOUT FANFARE OR NOISE

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FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Water Engineer

JUST A QUIET MEETING WHERE WE CAN PASS ON TO YOU FOLKS OUR PLANS THAT WILL WILL NOT IN ANY WAY GET ANY ONE INVOLVED INTO ANY TROUBLE-BUT WE MUST HAVE MEN AND WOMEN TO HAVE THE PRESSURES TO SHOW OUR STRENGTH. WE WILL HAVE THE MEN WHO LEAD WHO LIKE MYSELF DO NOT HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE ANY WAY- WE WILL TAKE THE LEADERSHIPS AND FORCE THESE "SKUNKS" OUT INTO THE OPEN-WILL MAKE AND HAVE LAWS PASSED THAT WILL FOREVER MAKE "SEGREGATION" THE LAW OF THE LAND- THE 21 SOUTHERN STATES WILL HAVE SEGREGATION OR SECEED FROM THE YANKEES AND "CARPETBAGGERS" AND COMMUNIST WHO NOW CONTROL OUR GOVERNMENT. WE WILL USE THE SAME PRESSURES THAT WE USED IN LOUISIANA AND MANY MORE THAT WAS NOT NEEDED THERE TO GET THE JOB DONE.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR NOT GETTING TO YOU SOONER. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WE HAVE GOT OUT 2,640-LETTERS. MANY WERE ON THE ELECTION THAT WE HAVE JUST LOST. WE KNOW HOW AND WHY WE LOST IT. OUR PEOPLE DID NOT STAND TOGETHER-AND WE HAVE NEVER SINCE 1924 BEEN ABLE TO "BLOCK VOTE" OUR WHITE RACE-EVEN THE MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS WOULD NOT STAND HITCHED- THE OLD TIMES SOME OF WHOM ARE OVER 80 YEARS YOUNG DO NOT GIVE A DAM AND WILL HUE TO THE LINE REGARDLESS OF WHO IT GETS.

WE WILL SEND ANY THING YOU WANT- AND WILL MEET YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHERE WE CAN TALK AND BEGIN TO PLAN FOR THE WORK AHEAD. WE WILL NOT HAVE FISHFRYS AND PARADES AND OTHER OPEN AIR MEETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE KLAN. BUT WE WILL HAVE THE MEETINGS JUST THE SAME AND NO ONE WILL KNOW WHAT WE ARE OR WHAT WE ARE TO DO AND WHEN. THIS IS THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO- GET TOGETHER AND WORK SECRETLY FOR SEGREGATION AND THE SOUTHLAND. WORK TO THROW OUT ALL THE ENEMIES-OR FORCE THEM TO LEAVE OF THEIR OWN ACCORD. WE HAVE 42 OLD MEN IN THIS COUNTY ALONE WHO WERE ONCE AND ARE NOW KLANSMEN- THEY OPENLY SAY THEY ARE PRO-SOUTHERNERS AND WE WORK IN THE OPEN AND PASS AND REPASS AND VISIT AND HAVE MEETINGS WITH NO ONE TO STOP US. THEN WE HAVE OUR INNER CIRCLE WHO ALSO ARE PRO-SOUTHERNERS BUT ARE ALSO KLANSMEN WHO WILL DIE FOR THEIR COUNTRY -THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR SEGREGATION OF THE RACES- WE CAN AND WILL MAKE THINGS COME TO PASS-THERE WILL NOT BE A SINGLE MAN OR WOMAN HARMED OR GET INTO TROUBLE WHO BELONG TO ANY OF THESE THREE ORDERS. CITIZENS COUNCILS - PRO-SOUTHERNERS OR THE KU KLUX KLAN- A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION- THE OLD ORGANIZATION WITH OLD MEMBERS AS LEADERS FROM THE OLD MEMBERSHIPS IN EVERY STATE IN THE UNION- WE STILL HAVE ON THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS EVERY MAN WHO ONCE BELONGED AND IS STILL LIVING-SOME ARE OLD AND IN INSTITUTIONS-SOME BEDRIDDEN AND HELPLESS.-BUT THEY ARE AS DEAR TO US NOW AS THEY WERE IN THE DAYS GONE BY WHEN WE WERE A NATIONAL POWER IN AMERICA WE WILL AGAIN BE A NATIONAL POWER AND DONT THINK FOR ONE MOMENT THAT ALL THE FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS IN AMERICA CAN STOP US FROM RIGHTING THE WRONGS OF OUR WHITE RACE -FORCED UPON US BY THE ILLEGAL SUPREME COURT AND ALL THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE LAND. WE WILL SEE THAT OUR HOME LAND IS FREE AGAIN AND DO MANY OTHER NEEDED THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE TO MAKE AMERICA THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

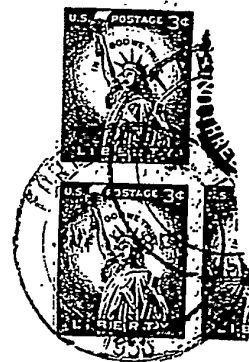
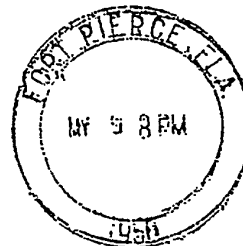
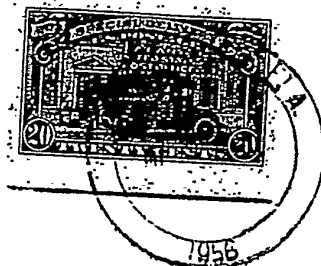
GET ALL THE WHITE FOLKS YOU CAN FROM OR IN ANY STATE- ITS VOLUME OF MEMBERS WE WANT AND THEN WE WILL EDUCATE THEM AS TO WHAT TO DO TO GET THE JOB DONE.

Sincerely Yours in that Unfeeling Bond. M B Sherrill
Ignorant State and county officials are letting our precious fresh water supply flow into the ocean - a terrible waste. I have tried for over thirty years to get Dams and Checks put in the Rivers and Creeks to govern the fresh water table and preserve our fresh water supply. Where salt water penetrates the top sands, Florida land will be a treeless blackened waste-land - This is surely coming - wake up everybody. Salt water is ruining Florida land. Domestic fresh water supply will be a serious problem in 7 to 15 years, ACT NOW - that future generations may have sufficient supply of GOOD water.

M. B. SHERRILL
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
PRO-SOUTHERNERS

P. O. BOX 1071
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT MIAMI

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 31 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10, 21/56	REPORT MADE BY DOUGLASS E. WENDEL vg
TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: M. B. SHERRILL, Ft. Pierce, Florida, per Informant, states he is National Chairman of PRO-SOUTHERNERS, per an alleged vote at a meeting held in Ft. Pierce. SHERRILL stated to Informant his house was sold 3/19/56 for default on mortgage. National Secretary-Treasurer of PRO-SOUTHERNERS listed as V. N. SHERRILL.			
<div style="float: right;"> AGENCY <u>RAB-6-6-2-005, OS</u> REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. <u>7-25-56</u> HOW FORW. <u>P/S</u> BY <u>CF-1-11</u> </div> <div style="clear: both;"></div> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT FORT PIERCE, FLA.:</u></p> <p>Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 10, 1956 that M. B. SHERRILL was in communication with him as of May 9, 1956 and that SHERRILL indicated he was presently National Chairman of the PRO-SOUTHERNERS. The communication further revealed V. N. SHERRILL is National Secretary-Treasurer of the same organization. The Informant advised SHERRILL stated he was elected to the post of National Chairman at a meeting in Fort Pierce, Florida on an undisclosed date. SHERRILL stated he would be on the road soon in behalf of the PRO-SOUTHERNERS, pointing out his home had been sold at public auction because he had failed to pay off his mortgage. The sale took place on March 19, 1956 at Fort Pierce.</p>			
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In the communication SHERRILL stated he had just finished helping Louisiana "kick the niggers out of the state" and that his own correspondence had piled up. He stated that in two weeks prior to May 9, 1956, he (SHERRILL) had gotten out 2,640 letters, mostly on the recent Florida elections, which SHERRILL states "we have just lost."

SHERRILL stated "This is the only thing we can do -- get together and work secretly for segregation and the southland." Further in this communication SHERRILL states, "Then we have our inner circle who also are pro-southerners but are also Klansmen who will die for their country -- their families and for segregation of the races."

The informant advised SHERRILL has issued a printed letter on the letterhead of the "Pro-Southerners" showing the National Office to be in Fort Pierce, Florida, P. O. Box 1071. The officers per the letterhead are M. B. SHERRILL, National Chairman, and V. N. SHERRILL, National Secretary-Treasurer. The printed portion of this letter contains information concerning SHERRILL's home being foreclosed together with an appeal for funds and assistance.

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T-1 is [redacted] [redacted], Miami, Fla. in [redacted] name of [redacted]	5/9/56 Organization and general data	5/10/56	LEON O. PRIOR	105-677-1A11

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BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, SAVANNAH, LITTLE ROCK, KNOXVILLE, (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to each of the indicated offices for information in view of the assertions previously reported made by HARRY WILLIAM PYLE that the "Pro-Southerners" operates under various names in other southern states.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.:

1. Will, through Informants and other sources, attempt to ascertain status of Pro-Southerners in that area.

2. Will check to see if National Headquarters have been again returned to Fort Pierce, Florida.

MIAMI:

AT FORT PIERCE, FLA.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of M. B. SHERRILL.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, 4/5/56, at Miami.

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cc - Mr. Williams

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SAC, Miami

July 10, 1956

Director, FBI (105-28645)

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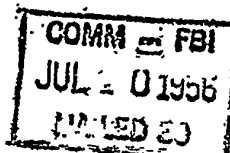
ReBuForm 0-1 dated June 7, 1956, which was returned by your office with the notation that a report was submitted on May 31, 1956.

A review of Bufiles fails to reflect receipt of this report. You are instructed to advise if this report actually was submitted by your office and if so furnish the date, complete caption and name of Agent preparing report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-28645)

DATE: July 11, 1956

FROM : SAC, Miami (105-677)

SUBJECT: PRO-SOUTHERNERS

ReBulet 7/10/56.

The report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, captioned "PRO-SOUTHERNERS, INTERNAL SECURITY - X," was submitted on May 31, 1956. It is noted this report carried Bureau file 105-42459.

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE 8/16/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/31; 6/20, 22; 7/12, 24; 8/6/56	REPORT MADE BY DOUGLASS E. WENDEL mlm
TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DATE 07-22-2010 BY 60322/UC/LRP/PLJ/sdh

Former neighbor M. B. SHERRILL states no meetings held by SHERRILL. SHERRILL moved to new residence early 6/56.

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AGENCY *RABO-b, 6-2, ONE, OES*
REQ. REQ'D
DATE FORW. *8-28-56*
HOW FORW. *RIS*
BY *C.F.W.-el*

DETAILS AT FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:

On June 20, 1956, [redacted] neighbor of M. B. SHERRILL, advised SHERRILL and his wife had moved about two or three weeks ago and they now live on Cory-Campbell Road near White City, Florida. SHERRILL's telephone number, per Mr. [redacted] is 2565M4. [redacted] stated the SHERRILLS had been quiet neighbors and did not have meetings or gatherings at their home.

On June 20, 1956, the residence described as being that of M. B. SHERRILL was checked by SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, and a Chevrolet car was parked at the house. This car bore 1956 Florida tag 24-4648.

[redacted] Sheriff's Office, St. Lucie County, Florida, stated on June 20, 1956, that 1956 Florida tag 24-4648.

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was issued to [redacted] for a 1949 Chevrolet.

FLORIDA

On June 22, 1956, Miami Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised M. B. SHERRILL still maintains Post Office Box 1071. This informant added SHERRILL does not, to his knowledge, send out any large quantities of mail from Fort Pierce, Florida.

By letter dated July 9, 1956, [redacted] Miami, Florida, forwarded a mimeographed tract entitled "The Saddest Story Ever Told," by OLIVER ALLSTORM. The gist of this tract is the disgrace and demoralizing effect of marriage between the White and Negro. On the reverse of the tract is a statement that should additional copies of the tract be wanted, contact ALLSTORM in care of M. B. SHERRILL, Post Office Box 1071, Fort Pierce, Florida.

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[redacted] in his letter transmitting the tract, stated he had found it opened for easy reading on a writing desk at the Post Office Sub Station on Coral Way, Miami.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Description of Information</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
T-1 is [redacted] Postmaster; Ft. Pierce, Fla.	Information of mailing activity	SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL	Instant report.

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

*1. Will, through informants and other sources, attempt to ascertain status of Pro-Southerners in that area.

*2. Will check to see if National Headquarters have been again returned to Fort Pierce, Florida.

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AT FORT PIERCE, FLA.

Will maintain check on activities of M. B. SHERRILL.

REFERENCE

Report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL dated 5/31/56 at Miami.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

MIAMI

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE OCT 24 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/1/56	REPORT MADE BY DOUGLASS E. WENDEL mfm
TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 07-22-2010 BY 60322/UC/LRP/PLJ/sdh			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No developments in Ft. Pierce, Fla. area, home of M. B. SHERRILL. DETAILS: AT FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA Chief R. F. CASSENS, Ft. Pierce Police Department, advised on October 1, 1956 that he had heard of no activity on the part of M. B. SHERRILL and had not seen him in the downtown area recently. A spot check was made on October 1, 1956 of the residence on Cory-Campbell Road, White City, described as being used by SHERRILL, and no person was in appearance nor was there a motor vehicle parked in the vicinity. <i>Negative data</i> <i>No dissemination</i> <i>COPIES DESTROYED</i> <i>164 JUL 29 1960</i> <i>NO</i> <i>-P-</i>			
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MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

*1. Will, through Informants or other sources, attempt to ascertain status of Pro-Southerners in that area.

*2. Will check to see if National Headquarters have been again returned to Ft. Pierce, Florida.

MIAMI:

AT FT. PIERCE, FLA.

Will check activities of M. B. SHERRILL.

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Report SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL dated 8/16/56 at Miami.

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FORM No. 1
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REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 11-28-56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-7, 14, 16, 19, 21, 26-56	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. FJ
TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The Pro-Southerners continue to operate in Shelby County, Tenn. on a reduced scale and there are at present only four known groups meeting more or less regularly. The P-S were active in the 1956 Primary and General Elections in the county and supported individuals who had endorsed segregation. CHARLES BELL, Organizer of P-S, ran unsuccessfully for Tennessee Legislature. The organization presently financing a daily five minute radio program on KWEM which purports to give news regarding segregation. Rev. JAMES A. FRANKLIN, the National Chairman of the group, is not known to have any organizational connection with any other pro-segregation group. Supporters forecast early demise of this and other pro-segregation groups due to the factionalism which exists in them.

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- 1- DIO, Louisville, Ky. RM
- 2- Memphis(105-98)

DETAILS:

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Memphis Press Scimitar, a daily newspaper published in Memphis, Tennessee, in the May 4, 1956 edition had an article captioned "Pro-Southerner Will Run for Legislature." This article related that CHARLES W. BELL, age thirty-four, State Organizer for the Pro-Southerners, announced his candidacy for the Lower House of the Tennessee General Assembly. It described BELL as being a house painter who was a POW during World War II. It noted that BELL was the first P-S to announce for office, and that although he would ask the P-S to support him, that he was not "as yet" an official candidate of the P-S. The article indicated that a primary feature of BELL's platform was to try to get "what he calls the Johnson-Bell Amendment passed which would strengthen the P-S status of the State Constitution."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal, a daily newspaper in the May 20, 1956 issue, noted that the P-S would hold a barbecue picnic in a local Memphis Park on June 2, 1956, and that the above CHARLES BELL and State Senator JAMES JOHNSON of Arkansas would be the speakers. The article quoted BELL as stating that he would discuss a proposed bill to oust Tennessee officials who do not uphold the State Constitution. It also quoted him as stating the above Senator JOHNSON would talk on interposition.

The Press Scimitar in the June 4, 1956 issue, in an article captioned "P-S criticize Orgill," related that the P-S passed a resolution at the above picnic criticizing Mayor EDMUND ORGILL "for going to colleges and praising the theory of one world government to stop wars." It identified CHARLES W. BELL as the "National Organizer and Chairman of District 1" as stating that the P-S "feel that we have a democratic government and a constitution to live by and we want to live by the constitution of the United States." The newspaper account of the picnic also noted that resolutions were passed to provide free transportation to the polls and furnish transportation to and from the court house for white persons who wanted to register to vote. BELL was quoted as stating that anyone who wanted transportation could telephone the P-S headquarters and it would be arranged.

On June 7, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that there had

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been a noticeable decrease in activities and membership in the P-S in recent weeks. Informant noted that the organization was "broke" and could no longer put out the mimeographed publication entitled "The Pro-Southerner" because each issue cost \$60.00. Informant also noted that Reverend WAYNE COX, the present head of the Association of Citizens Councils of Tennessee, was trying to get the P-S to merge with that organization.

On August 10, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that at that time the P-S were continuing to meet at Frayser, Tennessee, a Memphis suburb, every Saturday. He noted that the decline of attendance had continued and there were probably less than thirty people at recent meetings. Informant also noted that meetings were continuing to be held at the P-S headquarters located on the Raleigh-Millington Road, and that these meetings were on each Friday. He noted that plans were being made to move the headquarters from Raleigh to Frayser, Tennessee as Frayser was more accessible to most of the members. Informant noted further that he thought meetings were being held regularly at Rainey's Grocery Store located on Sharp Avenue in Memphis, and at Rosemark, Tennessee, the latter being another small community in Shelby County. Informant stated further that it was possible that a P-S group was meeting in the vicinity of McLemore and Third Street in Memphis but he did not know for sure.

On August 14, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was a member of the LaBelle Chapter of the P-S, which was meeting regularly at the LaBelle Community Center on Lamar Avenue in Memphis. He noted that the recent primary election in Memphis had apparently had some effect in stimulating interest in pro-segregation organizations. Informant noted that during the early days of the P-S, particularly in the Spring of 1956, that [redacted] a Memphis printer, printed propaganda material for the P-S. Informant noted that recently he had ascertained from this printer that the P-S had given him no printing business in recent months, either for membership cards or, propaganda material.

On September 5, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that EMMETT CARR, who was connected with the P-S for a time in Nashville, Tennessee, had advised him on September 4, 1956, that he was no longer active in the P-S. Informant noted that CARR had stated he has recently received a letter from the Memphis group wanting to know what he was going to do. Informant stated that CARR related that he has not answered the letter, and that he has thought of telling the Memphis people if they want to come back to Nashville and work with people in the right way he would work with them.

On September 10, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-4,

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. JAMES FRANKLIN was running the P-S at the present time and was completely dominating it to the extent that some of the Board of Directors had quit. Informant related that it is his understanding that Dr. FRANKLIN went to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago as an observer but could not get admitted to any of the sessions thereof.

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On September 18, 1956, T-2, supra, advised that the P-S had not been meeting regularly in the LaBelle Community, although informant expected them to resume regular meetings in the future.

On September 21, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that although he has been extremely interested in the P-S and has worked hard in its behalf, that he was convinced it and the other pro-segregation groups in Memphis would die because of the factionalism which exists. Informant noted that this factionalism was so bad that although he continued to attend meetings of the P-S group at Frayer, that he was not otherwise active in the organization.

II. OFFICERS OF PRO-SOUTHERNERS

The Commercial Appeal, in the May 29, 1956 issue, contained a news article which states that "the Reverend JAMES A. FRANKLIN, Jr., Pastor of First Congregational Methodist Church, has been elected Chairman of the Pro-Southerners, replacing HARRY PYLE, who resigned in a huff last March." The article continued at the same time JAMES C. PIERSON, Shelby County Chairman of the P-S, said ROY BLACKWOOD, Business Manager of the Blackwood Brothers Quartet, had been elected to the National Board along with A. M. SULLINGER, who has been active with the group. The article noted that FRANKLIN was at that time President of the Memphis unit of "We, the People" and he would take office with the P-S when his term with We, the People ends July 1, 1956.

On September 10, 1956, T-4, supra, advised that Dr. FRANKLIN was running and dominating the P-S to the extent that other members of the Board of Directors were dissatisfied and were thinking about quitting. T-4 further advised that so far as he knew the P-S have no organizational connection with any other pro-segregation organization in the country and operate solely as a Shelby County group.

III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE P-S

The June 16, 1956 issue of the Tri-State Defender, a weekly newspaper published in Memphis by and for the Negro people, carried a news article captioned "NAACP Ban Is Now Goal of Pro-Segs." This article related that CHARLES W. BELL, one of the representatives of the P-S, had sent a telegram to Governor FRANK CLEMENT of Tennessee requesting that a special session of the Legislature be called to adopt the doctrines of interposition for the state and to outlaw the NAACP. This news article quoted the telegram as stating that the P-S organization consisted of over 5000 members.

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On August 10, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that the P-S had a daily five minute radio broadcast on Radio Station KWEM which operates from stations in both West Memphis, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee. This program is at 10:55 AM six days each week and consists of speeches on the merits of segregation. Informant noted that the program is sponsored by various members and friends of the organization whose names are used on the program as sponsors if they so desire.

On November 14, 1956, [redacted], Radio Station KWEM, Memphis, advised that the P-S have been sponsoring a broadcast over his station since June 29, 1956. Mr. [redacted] stated that from that date through July 3, 1956, this was a five minute broadcast. It was discontinued on the latter date, however, and resumed on July 9, 1956, continuing to date as a five minute broadcast. Mr. [redacted] stated that the speaker is not identified on the program and so far as he can recall all of the speeches have been made by either DOYLE BLACKWOOD or Reverend FRANKLIN. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has taken considerable interest in these programs and has required the P-S to submit a written script prior to the program. He stated that he has observed nothing in these scripts which would constitute the advocacy of force or violence. He stated that the present five minute program costs the P-S \$4.80 each.

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IV. ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

The Commercial Appeal in the June 28, 1956 issue quoted CHARLES BELL, The District #1 Chairman of the P-S, as advocating that the Tennessee delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on August 13, 1956 be instructed not to vote for any pro-integration presidential nominee. It noted that the P-S were sending a group to the State Convention in Nashville on that date in the hopes of quelling any move naming Governor FRANK CLEMENT the head of the Tennessee delegation because of his support for ADLAI STEVENSON. BELL was further quoted as stating the P-S would demand that Attorney General GEORGE McCANLESS lead the Tennessee delegation.

On July 2, 1956, T-2, supra, advised that the Brewer Printing Company in Memphis had printed various propaganda sheets for the P-S. Informant noted that one of these sheets purports to be information from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated June 21, 1955, on LESTER GRANGER, which was furnished by the House Committee to Honorable L. MENDEL RIVERS, Member of Congress. This sheet contains various citations of the Urban League and is highly critical of the Community Chest for supporting the Urban League. It contains a photograph of alleged officials of the Phillip Morris Cigarette Company making a contribution to GRANGER of the Urban League. The other propaganda sheet, according to informant, contains a photograph of WALTER REUTHER, CIO President, making a contribution to the NAACP. This sheet

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is also critical of the Ford Foundation for aiding various organizations which, according to the sheet, are "dedicated to the destruction of our constitution and southern way of life." The sheet also contained photographs of various inter-racial activities in schools. Informant did not recall how many of the above sheets the Brewer Printing Company had printed but noted that it was at least several hundred or more.

~~JAMES O. EASTLAND~~ TENN.
On July 10, 1956, T-1, supra, advised that the P-S had participated in the July 4, 1956 Rally of the various pro-segregation groups in Memphis at Overton Park, which rally was addressed by Senator JAMES EASTLAND of Mississippi. Informant noted that this rally was promoted primarily by the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government and the P-S were asked to participate simply because they swelled the crowd by their relatively large membership. Informant noted that the P-S did considerable "leg work" in connection with the rally but was given very little voice in the planning thereof. Informant pointed out that this was typical of the jealousy and bickering which exists in local pro-segregation groups. Informant noted in this connection that the P-S had been hurt considerably by the efforts of the Association of Citizens Councils to take members from the P-S.

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T-1 continued on July 10, 1956, that the P-S had representatives at a recent meeting of the Glenview Civic Club in Memphis which was called to combat the purchase of a house on [redacted] by a Negro, [redacted]. Informant stated that this meeting was attended by approximately 300 or more people who were alarmed over the above real estate transaction, and that the P-S probably sold more than 150 memberships at the meeting. Informant noted, however, in his opinion most of these people were interested in voicing their protest to [redacted]'s purchase of the house and were not actually willing to become active workers for the retention of segregation. Informant knew of no plans by these newly acquired P-S members in the Glenview Subdivision to have regular meetings outside of their civic club meetings.

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On July 5, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he attended the States' Rights Rally held in Overton Park on the night of July 4, 1956 at which Senator JAMES EASTLAND was the featured speaker. He noted that at no time did any speaker at the rally advocate any force or violence and the main theme of the meeting was States' Rights. Informant noted that Memphis Vice Mayor and Police and Fire Commissioner, CLAUDE A. ARMOUR, spoke briefly at this rally, urging those present to support the Citizens for Progress ticket in the forthcoming August 2, 1956 Primary. Informant noted that ARMOUR claimed that the Citizens for Progress were for the maintenance of racial segregation. Informant also noted that LAKE HAYES, who he described as a prominent Shelby County Democratic politician, was the Master of Ceremonies. Informant estimated that 3500 people were present at the rally.

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On July 26, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the pro-segregation groups in Shelby County were to a great extent united behind the Citizens for Progress in the forthcoming Primary Election. Informant noted that all of the pro-segregation organizations in Memphis would constitute only a very small fraction of the registered voters in the county, and that it was obvious that these groups could accomplish more by working with the Citizens for Progress. Informant described the Citizens for Progress as being the dominant political faction in Memphis and the successor to the Democratic Machine of the late E. H. CRUMP.

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PRO SOUTHERNERS
On September 27, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mrs. A. H. SULLINGER, the Office Manager of the P-S, had several editorials published in the "Memphis Constitution." Informant described this publication as being a weekly neighborhood paper published by A. B. WREN, which has been very active in publishing pro-segregation news. Informant described WREN's paper as being practically the regular organ for the dissemination of pro-segregation material in Memphis, although the paper was independent of the various pro-segregation groups. *TEANN*

V. CONNECTION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

On May 28, 1956, T-3, supra, advised that EMMETT CARR, who was at one time connected with the P-S in Nashville, was going to take several carloads of P-S members in Nashville to Chattanooga on June 2, 1956 to attend a demonstration of the Ku Klux Klan in that city. Informant did not know the details of this and did not know the identity of the Klan organization to which CARR had referred.

On September 19, 1956, T-4, supra, advised that he had learned on that date that there was to be a meeting of the group of pro-segregationists to plan a new organization in Memphis. Informant noted that this was to be a unit of the Ku Klux Klan. Informant stated that his information came from two individuals whose reliability he did not know. Informant noted that one reason for the contemplated formation of a new group was that several of the other pro-segregation groups, especially the P-S and the Association of Citizens Councils of Tennessee, were jealous of the TFCG and wanted to take the leadership in pro-segregation matters away from that organization.

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T-1 [Redacted] Memphis, Tenn.	Financial status	6-7-56	J.H. KEARNEY & W.H. LAWRENCE	105-98-223
"	Location of groups	8-10-56	JHK	105-98-237
"	Groups to die	9-21-56	JHK	105-98-245
"	Radio program	8-11-56	WHL & JHK	105-98-237
"	7-4-56	7-10-56	"	105-98-231
T-2 [Redacted] Memphis, Tenn.	LaBelle Group,	8-14-56	JHK	105-98-236
"	LaBelle inactivity	9-18-56	"	105-98-239
"	Printing	7-2-56	"	105-98-229
T-3 [Redacted]	Nashville	9-5-56	F.W. NORWOOD	105-98-238
"	Nashville & Chattanooga	5-28-46	"	105-98-228
T-4 [Redacted] Panel Source	Re Dr. Franklin	9-10-56	JHK	105-98-242
"	9-19-56	9-19-56	JHK & WHL	105-98-243

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T-5 [redacted] Former Me PSI	7-4-56	7-5-56	JHK & WHL	105-98-233
T-6 [redacted] [redacted] Panel Source	Election	7-26-56	" " "	105-98-234
T-7 [redacted] [redacted] Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Constitution	9-27-56	" "	105-98-245

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THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will continue to follow and report activities of instant organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., dated 5-14-56 at Memphis.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-28645)

DATE: December 5, 1956

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-677)

SUBJECT: PRO-SOUTHERNERS
IS-X
OO - Miami

Rereps SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, dated 8/16/56, and
10/24/56, at MM; and Rept. SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, dated
11/28/56, at Memphis.

It is requested that office of origin be changed
in instant case from Miami to Memphis, inasmuch as
activity in the Miami territory, specifically Fort
Pierce, Florida, has been negative as to any perpetration
of captioned organization.

No information concerning the organization has
come to the attention of Miami since approximately May,
1956.

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cc Mr. Williams

SAC, Miami (105-677)

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Reurlet dated December 5, 1956.

Inasmuch as all inquiries concerning pro-segregation organizations, commonly referred to as citizens councils as differentiated from Klan organizations, have been ordered discontinued there is no need to transfer origin to Memphis in this case.

Miami should submit a closing report and Memphis an RUC report on captioned organization in accordance with Bureau instructions previously issued.

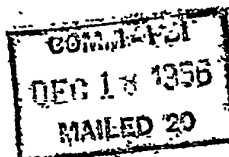
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TITLE OF CASE PRO-SOUTHERNERS		Report made by DOUGLASS E. WENDEL	Typed By: azm
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X	

Synopsis:

FM No developments regarding subject organization.

DETAILS AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA:

No new developments regarding subject organization have been brought to the attention of the Miami Office of the FBI

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This case is closed in accordance with Bureau letter to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, entitled "Citizens Councils, IS - X," instructing no further investigation be made in these type cases.

REFERENCES

Report of SA DOUGLASS E. WENDEL, Miami, 10/24/56.
Bureau letter to Miami, 12/18/56.

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Mr. Williams. *JB*

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PRO-SOUTHERNERS
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Rerep of Special Agent Douglass E. Wendel
dated December 27, 1956.

Inasmuch as Memphis, an auxiliary office in
this matter, has not submitted an RUC report, the status
of rerep is being changed to pending. Upon receipt
of an RUC report from Memphis, Miami should advise
Bureau by letter that case is being closed.

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FORM NO. 1
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REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 1-16-57	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-4,11,12-56; 1-7,10,15-57	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. FJ
TITLE PRO-SOUTHERNERS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The Pro-Southerners are practically defunct at the present time and their last known activity was in December, 1956 when Rev. JAMES A. FRANKLIN, the Chairman, appeared before the Shelby County Legislative group. Informant advised Mrs. MARGARET SULLINGER, formerly Secretary and Office Manager of the P-S, has quit and accepted other employment. Telephone at P-S headquarters, 3381 Raleigh-Millington Road, discontinued. P-S continuing five minute daily radio program on Station KWEM, Memphis.

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DETAILS: The Memphis Commercial Appeal, a daily newspaper, in the December 4, 1956 issue, carried a news article regarding the appearance of various Shelby County citizens before the Shelby County delegation to the State Legislature. The article reflected that Reverend JAMES A. FRANKLIN, the Chairman of the Pro-Southerners, on behalf of that group proposed that the legislature enact laws to assure separate but equal public school systems for Tennessee. FRANKLIN also proposed, according to the article, a law to restrict the eligibility of unwed mothers for relief funds by declaring those with ever one illegitimate child to be a prostitute and thus subject to criminal prosecution.

On December 11, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the

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- 1- DIO, Louisville, Ky. RM
- 2- Memphis (105-98)

P-S are not having regular meetings in the LaBelle Community, a residential section of Memphis, and that he knew of no activity in other parts of the city.

On December 12, 1956, Memphis Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the P-S are relatively inactive at the present time, and that all of the pro-segregation groups in Shelby County were considerably upset over the actions of the Federal Court in Knoxville, Tennessee in connection with the racial incidents at Clinton, Tennessee. Informant stated that the P-S were at the lowest ebb of interest and membership that he has known since the group was formed in 1955.

On January 7, 1957, Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is generally familiar with all pro-segregation activities in Shelby County, advised that the P-S were completely dormant so far as he knew as most of the members had completely lost confidence in the organization and its leadership.

TEH P.S. - PRO-SOUTHERNBS
On January 10, 1957, Memphis Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mrs. MARGARET SULLINGER, the Secretary and Office Manager of the P-S, who has in the past maintained regular office hours at the P-S headquarters, 3381 Raleigh-Millington Road, Memphis, had quit and had accepted employment elsewhere.

On January 15, 1957, an attempt was made to make a pretext telephone call to the P-S headquarters and it was determined that the telephone has been disconnected.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal, in the January 15, 1957 issue, reflects that the P-S are continuing to have a five minute radio program on Radio Station KWEM in Memphis.

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T-1 [REDACTED] Memphis, Tenn.	La Belle Group	12/11/56	JHK, WHL*	105-98-260
T-2 [REDACTED] Memphis, Tenn.	Negative Inter- view	12/12/56	JHK	105-98-261
T-3 [REDACTED] P.S., Memphis, Tenn.	Negative inter- views	1/7/57	JHK	Herein
T-4 [REDACTED]	Re P.S. Office	1/10/57	JHK	Herein

* JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. and WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, Special Agents

Careful consideration has been given to the use of the above T-symbols and they have only been used where necessary.

REFERENCE: Report SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., 11/28/56, Memphis.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-28645)

DATE: 1/30/57

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-677)

SUBJECT: PRO-SOUTHERNERS
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Rebulet 1/8/57 and report SA JOSEPH H.
KEARNEY dated 1/16/57 at Memphis.

Rerep is RUC report from Memphis. Inas-
much as all outstanding leads covered and repoted,
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Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub-28)

February 14, 1957

SAC, Memphis(105-269)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
MEMPHIS DIVISION
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Pursuant to instructions in Bureau letter of December 13, 1956, there are submitted herewith an original and eleven copies of a summary memorandum of Citizens Councils in this Division.

As mentioned in the blank memorandum in [redacted]
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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February 14, 1957

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS, MEMPHIS DIVISION

There is set out hereinafter a summary of Citizens Council activities in the Memphis Division during the past month.

TENNESSEE FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

On January 30, 1957, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the TFCG is principally concerned at this time with lobbying in the Tennessee Legislature for the passage of bills that would maintain segregation in the State of Tennessee, and give more protection to Tennessee against violation of the State's Rights by the Federal Government. She stated that friends of the TFCG, who are members of the Legislature, had several bills prepared that would put more "teeth" in the bills being submitted by the CLEMENT Administration and they hoped to get these passed or attached to the CLEMENT bills as amendments.

T-1 stated that at the same time some of the attorneys in the group are still working on the defense of the Clinton people who were arrested for contempt of Federal Court. She stated that there was considerable concern over the efforts of JOHN KASPER to force himself into the case, and also there was concern that some of the "liberals" were trying to discredit the TFCG and the Clinton Defendants by circulating scurrilous literature of a racist nature and doing it in such a way the TFCG would get the blame for it. This literature was the Lizzie Stover College Fund, A National Appeal, and alleged that LIZZIE STOVER, a mulatto, was the mother of President EISENHOWER. Ostensibly it was to raise funds to start an interracial college at Staunton, Virginia in her honor.

By a news article appearing in the Nashville Banner, a daily newspaper, February 4, 1957, DONALD DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government issued a statement concerning the TFCG's interest in legislation. In this statement he first took exception to the program requested by Governor FRANK CLEMENT, particularly to the statement that the Tennessee Government could not give relief to any school under Federal Court order to integrate the races. In the statement DAVIDSON enlarged on the following items:

- A. He stated that the laws requested by the CLEMENT Administration would give the communities in

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Tennessee no relief where the NAACP or other group had been successful in getting a suit against a school board in Federal Court.

- B. He called for support of a bill amending the compulsory school attendance laws so that no child should be required to attend any integrated school.
- C. He called for support of a bill which would give members of the local school boards protection against suit for their actions. This was to be done by making them an arm of the state and it was pointed out the state could not be sued without consent.
- D. He called for support of legislation which would stop attacks in Federal Court against school boards by (1) suspending state funds from schools into which any student has been transferred by order of a Federal Court; and (2) suspend state funds for schools from which a student has been transferred by order of any Federal Court.
- E. He called for support of a general bill which would forbid the use of any state funds for any purpose which infringed on the rights of the State of Tennessee under the 10th Amendment to the Constitution.
- F. He called for support of a bill calling for the dismissal of any teacher for influencing students on the problems of segregation. In this regard he stated that opponents of the bill had referred to it as a "gag" bill. He referred to these persons as extremists who want to use the public school teachers as tools for "brainwashing" Tennessee school children. He stated that they were the people who wanted a police state type of education backed by Federal injunctions and controlled by the NAACP and their collaborators. DAVIDSON claimed that the bill was intended to stop teachers from propagandizing the students on school premises and pointed out that it would work against those who favored segregation as well as those who were for integration.
- G. He called for support of a bill which would require the state to refuse any Federal funds when there were conditions attached to the funds which would limit the sovereign powers of the State of Tennessee.

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H. He also called for an Interposition Resolution by the State Legislature and for a stronger version of the Tennessee Manifesto.

On February 8, 1957, T-1 advised that the TFCG was in the process of sending out three thousand letters to a mailing list made up of members of the TFCG and other persons who are interested in maintaining segregation. She stated that the letters were actually going out over the name of the Clinton Freedom Fund and consisted of a reprint of the publication FREE MEN SPEAK, which set forth a summary of the Clinton case. She stated that a flyer was being inserted in the envelopes which did not have the name of any organization on it, but which advised that motorcades from Memphis and Chattanooga were scheduled to come to Nashville on February 12, 1957 to bring people in to meet with the State Legislature and impress on them the need for stronger legislation to maintain segregation. She stated that the flyer requested that the recipients were requested to bring carloads of people from their own communities. T-1 stated that the flyer emphasized that it was to be an orderly demonstration; that no literature was to be distributed; that no placards were to be displayed; and that the only sign to appear on the automobiles would be the name of the town and county that they represented.

T-1 stated the flyer emphasized that this was to be a dignified demonstration, and that those who were not able to join the motorcade should meet at the State Capitol Building at 10:00 AM, February 12, 1957. T-1 stated that the TFCG was not sponsoring the motorcade but some of the members would take part in it. She stated that she did not know that any organization was actually sponsoring it.

By article appearing in the Nashville Tennessean, a daily newspaper, dated February 8, 1957, SIMS CROWNOVER, Counsel, TFCG, said that more than a thousand cars coming from all over the state would be driven to Nashville on February 12, 1957 bearing segregationists who would press for stronger legislation on the public school issue in the general assembly. He stated that the TFCG was not sponsoring the motorcade and stated that it was started by A. B. WRENN, publisher of the weekly Memphis Constitution.

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF TENNESSEE

This organization, which has been active primarily in Memphis, Tennessee, has apparently been dormant during the past month and no information has come to the attention of this office through the daily press or other sources regarding it.

PRO-SOUTHERNERS

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS, MEMPHIS DIVISION

2-14-57

No information has come to the attention of this office during the past month regarding this organization and it is believed to be practically dormant at the present time.

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI

During the month of January, 1957 there has been no reported activity of the ACGM.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 14, 1957

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS, MEMPHIS DIVISION

There is set out hereinafter a summary of Citizens Council activities in the Memphis Division during the past month:

TENNESSEE FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

This organization was referred to in the February 13, 1957 issues of the Nashville Banner and the Nashville Tennessean, two daily newspapers published in Nashville, Tennessee. It was also referred to in the Southern School News, March 1957 issue, on Page 7. As all of the above references pertain to the same activities, the account as it appeared in the Southern School News is set out hereinafter:

"Signifying an apparent break in Tennessee's pro-segregation ranks, Jack Kershaw, vice president of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, said in Nashville that John Kasper would not be welcome if he participated in a pro-segregationist 'March on the Capitol' in mid-February.

"Kershaw urged that Kasper 'take his gratuitous service' from Tennessee and 'go back to New Jersey.'

"Responding, Kasper termed Kershaw a 'third rate political hack.' Speaking from Knoxville, Kasper said Kershaw is using his stand on segregation as a means 'to advance his political fortunes in the state...'

"'Until Kershaw or anyone else in Tennessee legally and positively maintains segregation for native white Tennesseans, my work here remains unfinished.'

"Kasper accused Kershaw and the TFCG of 'wishful thinking' in their approach toward segregation. 'The regular Republican and Democratic organizations of the state have rejected Kershaw' in the past and he is attempting to use states' rights as the 'wedge to get in the political door,' Kasper said.

"WON'T 'DESERT'

"'I'll never desert the Tennessee White Citizens Council or the white race in Tennessee until the outcome of our struggle is crystal clear and spells victory over the race mongrelizers.'

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"Replied Kershaw:

"I think that Kasper may have a great talent, but I feel it would be more at home in Greenwich Village than in Tennessee.

"The federation's approach is based on legal and proper constitutional grounds to preserve harmony between the races. If this is what Kasper classifies as 'wishful thinking' then that is more a measure of Kasper's irresponsible opinion of the Constitution than it is an estimate of the federation program."

"Kershaw denied any political ambitions. Kasper did not take part in the 'March on the Capitol.'"

The "March on the Capitol" referred to in the above relates to a pro-segregationist motorcade to Nashville on behalf of various pro-segregation groups. This motorcade is discussed in the February 12, 1957 issue of the Nashville Banner and is as follows:

"SEGREGATIONISTS FROM 3 CITIES MARCH ON CAPITOL

"Pro-segregationists from three Tennessee cities 'marched on' the State Capitol today, urging legislators to draft strong segregation laws that would skirt the controversial U. S. Supreme Court ruling.

"The first contingent of the three-city motorcade containing 12 cars left Memphis in a pre-dawn move - and arrived here at 9 a.m.

"Segregationist John Kasper was not among the early arrivals.

"The Memphis convoy bearing Confederate flags and including a sound truck blaring Dixie made its way to the State Capitol under escort by State, County and City police.

"Immediately upon joining the Knoxville and Chattanooga groups, the Memphians began circulating to members of a Senate and House of Representatives a copy of proposed legislation, described as an act to require the Commissioner of Education to withhold all State school funds for districts which integrate the public schools.

"Point of the rendezvous was on Highway 70 near Belle Meade Blvd.

"TROOPER ESCORT

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"State Troopers escorted the Memphis caravan into the Capitol area to await similar groups from Knoxville and Chattanooga.

"However, one caravan of Chattanoogaans met the Memphis contingent upon its arrival and accompanied the west-state pro-segregationists to the capitol.

"Jack Kershaw, vice president of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government whose organization snubbed Kasper in a strongly worded statement Monday, was on hand to welcome the first arrivals.

"'I thought it would be the polite thing to do,' Kershaw declared.

"STRICTLY STATE

"'This is a Tennessee rally for Tennesseans,' Kershaw added, 'and neither Kasper nor anyone else from the outside has been invited.

"'As far as we are concerned, Kasper can go back to New Jersey or wherever he's from.'

"Kershaw and A. B. Wren, Memphis pro-segregation leader, termed the 'march on the Capitol' a 'spontaneous thing' which is not sponsored by any organization.'

"COLD SHOULDER

"In giving Kasper the cold shoulder after reports were circulated that he would join the Capitol march, Kershaw said his organization had never considered Kasper 'with favor or disfavor.'

"'We were interested only in his Constitutional rights,' Kershaw stated. 'We were not interested in him as a person.'

"Kasper is now under \$10,000 bond awaiting results of an appeal from a one-year Federal prison sentence handed him in connection with the racial violence which followed integration of the high school at Clinton, Tenn.

"CLINTON REPRESENTED

"The Clinton segregation move is still underway, and a number of Anderson Countians accompanied the Knoxville motorcade here today.

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March 14, 1957

"Kershaw today reiterated a statement he made during a speech Sept. 1 in Clinton.

"When the officials keep you from speaking ... you are drifting toward Communism." he declared.

"Kershaw said he appeared in Clinton 'at the invitation of Clinton citizens and the Anderson County judge - not as a pinch-hitter speaker for Kasper.'"

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF TENNESSEE

This organization, which has been active primarily in Memphis, Tennessee, has apparently been dormant during the past month and no information has come to the attention of this office through the daily press or other sources regarding it.

PRO-SOUTHERNERS

No information has come to the attention of this office during the past month regarding this organization and it is believed to be practically dormant at the present time.

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI

This organization was referred to in the March 1957 issue of the Southern School News, published at Nashville, Tennessee:

"COMMUNITY ACTION

"The Association of Citizens Councils has written President Eisenhower that 'the racial situation in this country will continue to get worse until the truth about the fact of race reaches our entire nation.' The statement was in a letter urging voluntary Negro migration to other states, and asking presidential endorsement of it.

"The proposal, which Robert B. Patterson, secretary of the association, said 'is so simple no federal government could consider it' said:

"Let the state governments of those states whose representatives and press advocate integration for the South, make available accommodations for the number of Negro citizens necessary to bring their Negro population up to the national average of 10 per cent. This includes housing and jobs, as well as school and church

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facilities. Of course, the migration would be voluntary, and we could give the measure wide publicity throughout the state."

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April 12, 1957

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS
MEMPHIS DIVISION

There is set out hereinafter a summary of Citizens Council activities in the Memphis Division during the past month:

TENNESSEE FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

On April 2, 1957, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who requests her name be kept confidential, was contacted. She stated that there are no Citizens Councils operating in Nashville, Tennessee or the surrounding area to her knowledge. She advised that the only organization presently operating in Nashville in the field of segregation to her knowledge is the TFCG. She advised that they are still working on behalf of the defendants in the Clinton, Tenn. case and are trying to help solicit funds for their defense. She furnished a reprint of an article appearing in the Nashville Banner January 2, 1957, which is being distributed by the TFCG and which is entitled, "The Clinton Issue: Can One Judge Topple the United States Constitution." She stated that they are also distributing a reprint of an address by the Honorable JAMES F. BYRNES at the Annual Peoria Meeting and Lincoln Day Dinner which appeared in the Congressional Record of February 14, 1957. This address concerns the constitutionality of the recent Supreme Court decisions.

On March 31, 1957, an article appeared in the Nashville Banner, a daily newspaper, stating that JACK KERSHAW, Chairman of the States Rights Legislative Committee, (also Vice Chairman of the TFCG) had stated that R.G. CROSSNO was "misinformed" judging from reasons he gave for withdrawing support of a Clinton segregation resolution. The resolution called for the Governor of Tennessee to use his police power to remove Negroes from integrated Clinton High School and was previously supported by CROSSNO. It was still supported by KERSHAW.

An article appeared in the Nashville Banner on March 22, 1957, stating that eleven Nashville citizens sought to intervene in a Federal Court case involving an earlier court ruling which opened Nashville's public golf courses to Negroes. The attorney for these citizens was listed as SIMS CROWNOVER, who is also an attorney for the TFCG.

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Memphis Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is familiar with the activities of this organization in Memphis, Tennessee and generally throughout the state, advised it is still extremely active in connection with various legal phases of its opposition to integration. Informant particularly indicated that it was interested in the Clinton case and was interested in the public school integration case in Federal Court in Nashville, Tennessee. Informant knew of no proposed mass meetings or public activities which were planned during the forthcoming month.

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF TENNESSEE

On March 25, 1957, T-2, supra, advised that this organization, which has never been active except in Memphis, and to a limited extent in the adjoining counties, is practically defunct. Informant noted that a Southeast Memphis group has split and so far as he knows has discontinued meetings. Informant stated that [redacted], who was formerly active in the affairs of the group and an official thereof, is being sued in local courts because of his failure to pay certain bills for which he obligated himself on behalf of the organization. Informant stated that the group in the Berclair Community of Memphis is continuing to hold meetings on a very small scale and probably will not be able to continue. He noted that a Germantown, Tennessee (suburb of Memphis) group is continuing to meet but considers itself completely independent of the Association.

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Informant noted that this organization has split up so much that there is no centralized direction and the several little community groups which continue to operate are doing so on an independent basis, and that it is actually a misnomer to speak of it as Association of Citizens Councils. He noted, however, the group has not to his knowledge affiliated with any other organization.

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T-2, supra, further advised that the P-S have closed the office which they formerly maintained in Shelby County at 3381 Raleigh-Millington Road, and that the records thereof have been moved to the home of Mrs. ALVIN SULLINGER, 3641 Gentry Road. Mrs. SULLINGER is the former office manager for the organization. Informant states that meetings are continuing at Frayser, Tennessee, and that one group is continuing to meet in Southeast Memphis.

The Southern School News in the April 1957 issue on Page 12 reports that HARRY WILLIAM PYLE, the founder of the P-S, who quit in disgust, died in Memphis February 28, 1957. The article stated that in 1953 PYLE, a retired paint contractor and former Klansman,

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started the P-S. It quoted his family as having stated at the time of his death that he had no contact with the organization after his resignation in March of 1955.

The article further quoted PYLE as having stated that at the time he resigned many of his organization's chapters had stopped meeting.

T-1 advised that she knew of no activity on the part of any Klan organization but did know that EMMETT CARR, Nashville Klan leader and former P-S leader, appeared at the State Capitol at the same time that a motorcade of persons lobbying for stronger racial segregation laws came there in February of 1957.

On April 3, 1957, Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he knows of no Citizens Councils in Nashville. He stated that EMMETT CARR is still interested in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and apparently has no further interest in keeping the P-S going. He stated that so far as he knows the P-S are now out of existence in Nashville.

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI

The above Southern School News on Page 15 contains the following reference to this organization:

"Daughters of the American Revolution commended the Association of Citizens Councils in a resolution adopted in its state convention at Biloxi, saying:

"Our beloved state has had the experience of dwelling in harmony and understanding since Reconstruction Days with our colored friends and has enjoyed a racial tranquility for the past two years when many other states have been torn by strife due to their efforts to mix the races in schools and to promote integration, mainly because of many of our state's most representative citizens being organized into Citizens Councils..."

"Addressing the Canton Lions Club March 20, Robert B. Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Association of Citizens Councils, said before the organization came into being 'the South lost every battle for racial integrity by default.'

"Patterson said since the 1954 start of Citizens Councils in Mississippi, the organization has spread to 29 other states. He said Alabama and Louisiana now have more members than does Mississippi,

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and that 'there is even a council in New York.'

"He said during the past year the state association has raised and spent \$115,000 'to get the truth to the people about racial integrity; to nullify the propaganda of the NAACP and to present the case of the South to our northern brethern.'"

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub-28)

Date: April 12, 1957

FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-269)

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Pro-Southerners

Pursuant to instructions in Bureau letter of December 13, 1956, there are submitted herewith an original and eleven copies of a summary memorandum of Citizens Councils in this Division.

T-1 referred to in the blank memorandum is [redacted] who furnished information to SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD on April 2, 1957, which is originally reported herein.

T-2 is [redacted], a former Panel Source of the Memphis Office and active in the TFCG in Memphis, who furnished information to SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. on March 25, 1957, which is originally reported herein. T-3 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA NORWOOD April 3, 1957, originally reported herein.

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- 1- Bureau (105-28645) (P-S) RM
- 1- Bureau (105-34237) (ACCM) RM
- 1- Bureau (105-40707) (TFCG) RM
- 1- Memphis (105-98) (P-S)
- 1- Memphis (105-157) (ACCT)
- 1- Memphis (105-121) (ACCM)
- 1- Memphis (105-148) (TFCG)
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DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Memphis(105-269)

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cc Mr. Williams

SAC, Miami

June 26, 1956

Director, FBI. (105-49030)

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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Re SAC Letter 56-34.

In accordance with instructions set forth in the last paragraph of the referenced SAC Letter you are instructed to review files on citizens councils and pro-segregation organizations and furnish the Bureau promptly the names of those organizations in which there has been any degree of Klan infiltration or participation in activities. A separate letter should be submitted on each organization in this category under the caption, "Klan Infiltration Into (name of organization involved)" furnishing a brief summary of the extent of Klan participation in the organization. One copy of that letter and one photocopy of all subsequent communications containing data relative to Klan infiltration, including reports, should be designated for Bureau file 105-49030, a repository for data re captioned matter.

A review of Bufiles reveals data has been submitted on following organizations indicating Klan infiltrations:

Pro Southerners
Citizens Council of Pinellas County
Florida Federation for Constitutional Government
Jeffersonian Association
Citizens Council of Duval County

You should advise auxiliary offices of change of title.

cc Bufiles 105-28645 (Pro Southerners)
105-46960 (Citizens Council of Pinellas County)
105-43129 (Florida Federation for Constitutional Government)
105-42427 (Jeffersonian Association)
105-46959 (Citizens Council of Duval County)

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TO : Director, FBI (105-28645)
 FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-98)
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Rebulet October 9, 1957 captioned "Citizens Councils;
 IS-X," and Memphis letter of October 24, 1957 to the Bureau.

In connection with the above program, Bureau
 authority is requested to contact the following individual under
 this program:

1. Name: [REDACTED]

2. Residence: [REDACTED]

3. Occupation and Business Address: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

4. This individual has never had a definite position
 in the Pro-Southerners, although he has been one of the most
 active leaders in that organization. His [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] during the time the
 P-S were active.

5. This individual is believed to be trustworthy
 and he has furnished considerable information to this office in
 the past regarding the activities of the P-S. It will be noted
 that [REDACTED] resides in one of the Memphis suburbs where pro-
 segregation activity has been most enthusiastic. He himself is
 dedicated to the cause of segregation but is willing to furnish
 this office any information which comes to his attention regard-
 ing violence.

6. There is no information in the files of this
 office which would make contact with [REDACTED] inadvisable.

In this connection, Bureau letter of December 26,
 1956, captioned [REDACTED] PANEL SOURCE, authorized
 this office to accept information from [REDACTED] but not to direct
 his activities in any way due to the discontinuance of investiga-
 tion of the P-S.

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1- Memphis [REDACTED]

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7. It is recommended that this office be authorized to contact [] to determine his present willingness to furnish information. Prior to any efforts to develop him as an informant, additional authority will be requested from the Bureau.

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SAC, Memphis (105-93)

December 5, 1957

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Reurlet November 25, 1957, recommending
authority be granted to contact [redacted]

Bufiles contain no information regarding
[redacted] not already in possession of your office.
Bureau authority is granted to recontact him for the
purpose of determining his willingness and potentiality
to serve as a source. [redacted] should be advised that
the Bureau has no interest in the legitimate activities
of citizens councils but desires information concerning
their potential for violence or their participation in
violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction,
particularly civil rights violations.

Furnish Bureau promptly the results of your
contact with [redacted].

1 - [redacted]

NOTE:

In the late Summer and Fall of 1956, Memphis
corresponded with the Bureau concerning the development
of [redacted] as a panel source. Prior to the time he
was actually approved as such, the Bureau discontinued
inquiries concerning citizens councils. Background
information is in file. No information in Memphis letter
or in Bufiles which would preclude contact with [redacted].

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TO : Director, FBI (105-28645)

DATE: 12/6/57

FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-98)

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Rebulet 10/9/57 captioned "Citizens Councils; IS-X"
and Memphis letter 10/24/57 to Bureau.

In connection with the above program as related in
relets, Bureau authority is requested to contact the following
individual under this program:

1. [REDACTED]
2. Residence - [REDACTED]
3. Occupation - [REDACTED]

4. During 1956, [REDACTED], whose [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is a former panel source re the Pro-Southerners, was
developed as a prospective panel source re the Pro-Southerners;
a pro-segregation organization with national headquarters in
Memphis, Tenn. [REDACTED] has also been [REDACTED]
active in the Pro-Southerners. In 1956, when the Pro-Southerners
maintained [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was [REDACTED].

In 1956, [REDACTED] was cooperative with the FBI,
furnishing considerable information re the activities of the
Pro-Southerners. [REDACTED] was discontinued as a prospective panel
source on 12/28/56 following Bureau instructions to discontinue
investigation of pro-segregation type organizations.

The Pro-Southerners is still somewhat active in the
Memphis area although its membership strength and activities
have shrunk. Some of its members have since joined the U. S.
Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Thus, [REDACTED]
can potentially be of value to this Bureau in furnishing infor-
mation re the Pro-Southerners general pro-segregation activities
and may possibly be able to volunteer information re the KKK.

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5. Based on past contacts, coupled with general information developed re pro-segregation activities, [redacted] is believed to be honest, trustworthy, and reliable. [redacted] has committed [redacted] as being unalterably opposed to violence.

6. No information is possessed in the files of the Memphis FBI which would preclude the advisability of contacting [redacted]

7. It is recommended that this office be authorized to contact [redacted] to determine [redacted] present willingness to furnish information. Prior to any efforts to try to develop [redacted] as an informant, additional authority will be requested from the Bureau.

1. - Mr. Williams

SAC, Memphis (105-98)

January 22, 1958

Director, FBI (105-28645)

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ReBulet dated December 17, 1957.

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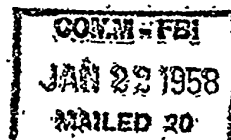
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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Rebulet dated December 5, 1957, captioned "Pro-Southerners; IS - X."

Pursuant to the authority contained in relet authorizing a contact with () to determine his willingness and potentiality to serve as a source regarding citizens council matters, () was interviewed on December 20, 1957 by SAs WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE and JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR.

He advised that he has personally taken no part in the activities of the Pro-Southerners or any other organization of a citizens council type since he was last contacted by Bureau Agents prior to the discontinuance of investigation of citizens councils in December of 1956. () stated that it is his understanding that the P-S is still operating in Memphis and Shelby County but on a very small scale. He stated that meetings are being held in Frayser, Tennessee, a Memphis suburb. () He stated that the meetings are very poorly attended and explained that this is not due to any decreased interest in segregation but rather to the inability of the leaders of the organization to keep the membership interested. He noted in this connection that anyone who has taken an interest in pro-segregation organizations during the past several years has heard all of the arguments which can be given for the retention of segregation and, therefore, finds nothing new at the meetings and discontinues attendance.

() stated that he personally is no longer interested in the retention of segregation as ever and his lack of current

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activity is due to the above reasons and also due to the lack of any specific issue at the present time around which the pro-segregation forces can rally. [redacted] was advised pursuant to rebutal that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate activities of citizens councils but desires information concerning their potential for violence or their participation in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly Civil Rights matters. [redacted] reiterated his personal opposition to violence and indicated his willingness to furnish any information which might come to his attention in this regard.

[redacted] was questioned regarding any contacts which he might have had with the Ku Klux Klan as it is noted that the Klan has recently become active in Shelby County. He stated that he had no information whatsoever regarding any Klan activity in his area and has not heard it discussed at [redacted] where he is employed.

It is noted that [redacted] was formerly extremely active in the P-S and has entered into any local organization of a pro-segregation nature. [redacted] resides in [redacted] and is employed at [redacted]. By virtue of these factors, [redacted] is believed to have some potential as a Confidential Source regarding pro-segregation matters. [redacted] is a suburb made up primarily of employees who work in various factories in Memphis. These individuals by virtue of their economic status feel quite strongly on the issue of segregation and any violence which may occur would logically be expected to occur among their ranks. [redacted] by virtue of its liberal employment policies and its relatively high percentage of Negro employees, is also believed to be a logical place for possible racial difficulties.

As [redacted] has voluntarily furnished information to this office on various occasions since March of 1956, and as rather complete background information has previously been furnished to the Bureau regarding him, it is recommended that this office be authorized to designate him as a Confidential Source.



Mr. William

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Bourlet dated December 6, 1957, in which you requested authority to contact [redacted] regarding the captioned organization and similar organizations.

Bufiles contain no information concerning [redacted] not already known to your office. Information previously furnished by your office shows [redacted] by the captioned organization; however, Bureau authority is granted to contact [redacted] to determine [redacted] potentiality and willingness to serve as a source. [redacted] should be informed that the Bureau has no interest in the legitimate activities of citizens councils, but is interested solely in possible violence and in violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations.

Furnish the Bureau promptly results of your contact with [redacted] along with recommendation for additional action. In the event [redacted] is cooperative, submit additional background data. In this regard, you are referred to Section 1073 of the Manual of Instructions.

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entitled [redacted]*

1 - Bufile [redacted]

*Confidential
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1/21/58*

NOTE ON YELLOW:

During 1956, [redacted] was contacted in connection with captioned organization and was very cooperative. Following Bureau instructions to discontinue inquiries concerning councils [redacted] was discontinued as a prospective source. No information in Memphis letter or in Bufiles which would preclude contact with [redacted].

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Director, FBI (105-28645) -

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ReBuletts dated December 17, 1957, and
January 22, 1958.

Bufiles fail to reflect receipt of interview
with [REDACTED]. In the event this
interview has been conducted and the results reported
advise date and caption of your communication.
Otherwise, you are instructed to conduct this interview
promptly and submit results to reach the Bureau no
later than March 15, 1958.

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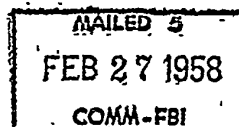
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TO : Director, FBI (105-28645)

DATE: 2/28/58

FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-98)

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SUBJECT: PRO-SOUTHERNERS
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Rebulet 2/27/58 regarding interview of [redacted]

[redacted] has been interviewed as reflected in
Memphis letter to Director dated 1/31/58 entitled "[redacted]
PROSPECTIVE CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE," Memphis file [redacted]

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